November 1, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steve Halperin  
Dean, College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences

FROM: Elizabeth Beise  
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposals to Integrate the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences and the College of Chemical and Life Sciences into the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences (PCC log nos. 10001 and 10005)

I am pleased to inform you that on September 20, 2010, Chancellor Kirwan gave final approval to the proposals to integrate the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences (CMPS) and the College of Chemical and Life Sciences (CLFS) into one college named the College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences (CMNS).

The College should ensure that the change is appropriately reflected in all university documentation.

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Enclosure

c: David Salness, Chair, Senate PCC Committee  
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid  
Reka Montfort, University Senate  
Erin Howard, Data Administration  
Donna Williams, Institutional Research & Planning  
Anne Turkos, Archives  
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar  
James Dietz, Undergraduate Studies  
Thomas Castonguay, Graduate School
September 20, 2010

Dr. Nariman Farvardin
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
and Acting President
Main Administration Building
College Park, Maryland 20742

Dear Nariman,

I am pleased to approve the proposal to integrate the Colleges of Chemical and Life Sciences (CLFS) and Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences (CMPS) into a single College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences. As noted in the proposal, the 2009 National Academies report provides a strong intellectual justification for this integration to support new research collaborations and innovations between CLFS and CMPS faculty and research scientists.

Upon completion of the revision, Senate review and approval of the college and University Appointment, Promotion and Tenure policies, please forward to me for review and approval.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to the faculty, staff and students for the careful consideration and effort that makes this integration possible.

Sincerely,

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor

cc: Dr. Stephen Halperin, Dean, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences and Interim Dean, College of Chemical and Life Sciences
    Dr. Elizabeth Beise, Assoc. Provost, Academic Planning and Program
College/School:
College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits:
Unit Codes can be found at: https://hypprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program:
Department/Program Unit code-Last 7 digits:

Type of Action (choose one):

☐ Curriculum change (including informal specializations)  ☐ New academic degree/award program
☐ Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration  ☐ New Professional Studies award iteration
☐ Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration  ☐ New Minor
☐ Suspend/delete program  ☒ Other

Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:
Rename the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences (CMPS) to a name that more accurately reflects the full range of disciplines within the college now that the departments and programs of the College of Chemical and Life Sciences have been integrated into CMPS.

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APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair N/A

2. Department Chair N/A

3. College/School PCC Chair N/A

4. Dean N/A

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

6. Chair, Senate PCC

7. University Senate Chair (if required)

8. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
Proposal to Rename the
College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences
to the
College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences
September 8, 2010

As part of the integration of the College of Chemical and Life Sciences (CLFS) and the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences (CMPS), all units and programs of CLFS are proposed to be reassigned to CMPS. The next step in this process is to rename CMPS to something that more appropriately reflects the full range of disciplines that will be encompassed by the integrated college. Below is a brief description of the process by which the new name was selected.

1. On July 26, 2010 an announcement was sent to all faculty, staff and students in both colleges to submit candidate names to a web site. The site remained open until August 20, 2010.

2. The ten department chairs of both colleges were asked to evaluate the submitted names, in consultation with their departmental colleagues, giving them a rating of A (positive), B (acceptable) or F (unacceptable). This process ran concurrently with name submission, from August 3 to August 20. Each chair submitted a ranked list of top choices to Dean Halperin for review, reducing the list of almost 300 submissions to approximately twenty.

3. From these lists, Dean Halperin developed a list of four “finalists” to submit to the Provost. All members of both colleges (tenured/tenure track faculty, other faculty, staff and graduate and undergraduate students) were then asked to indicate their preferences through a web site. The short list of names that the two colleges voted on was also provided to and endorsed by the Senate PCC at its August 27, 2010 meeting, and by the Senate Executive Committee at its August 31, 2010 meeting. The four finalists were as follows:
   a. College of Natural Sciences (NSCI)
   b. College of Science (CSCI)
   c. College of Sciences (CSCI)
   d. College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences (CMNS)

4. Using the results of the votes within the two colleges, as well as advice from alumni and deans, and input from the Senate PCC and Senate Executive Committee, the proposed new name is the College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences.