February 3, 2011

Vice Chancellor Beth Rushing
University of Washington, Tacoma
Box 358430

Dear Beth:

Based upon the recommendations of the Faculty Council on Academic Policy, the Faculty Assembly has recommended approval of the program name change from a Bachelor of Science degree in Computing and Software Systems to a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Systems. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Office of Academic Affairs is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2011 and thereafter.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis M. Wise
Interim President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Zaide Chavez (with enclosure)
       Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
       Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
       Ms. Virjean Edwards. (with enclosure TCSS-20101118)

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 8 copies to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.

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College/Campus UWT	**Department/Unit** Institute of Technology	**Date** 11/18/2010

New Programs

- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.
- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____.
- ☐ Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____.
- ☐ Leading to a minor in _____

Changes to Existing Programs

- ☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☐ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☐ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____

Other Changes

- ☑ Change name of program from Computing and Software Systems to Computer Science and Systems .
- ☐ New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____
- ☐ Eliminate program in _____

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:** ☐ Autumn ☐ Winter ☑ Spring ☐ Summer **Year: 20** 11

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (*Use additional pages if necessary*).

Explanation and Rationale for Name Change from Computing & Software Systems to Computer Science & Systems

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This change was initiated in 2003 when significant changes were made to the curriculum. At that time, more emphasis in the curriculum was placed on discrete mathematics, algorithms, and object-oriented design and development. All of these topics are consistent with the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC)'s view of computer science.

Since the CSS program was created, there have been problems explaining to prospective students and employers alike what the name "Computing & Software Systems" means. When people are told that it really means "Computer Science," the natural response is, "Then why don't you call it Computer Science?" That is what we are attempting to do by requesting this name

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.
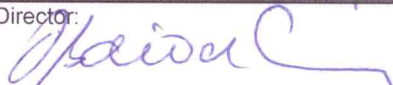
Replace all "Computer and Software Systems" with "Computer Science and Systems" in the Catalog.

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications).
Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

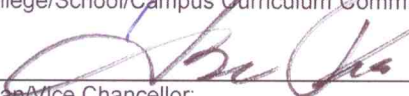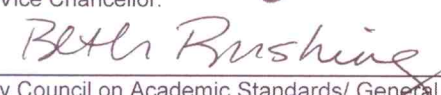|	Date:
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College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:	1/3/11
Dean/Vice Chancellor: _Beth Rushing_	1/3/11
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: _Marcie Lazzari_	1/6/11
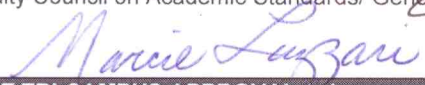
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UoW 1503 (10/08) REVERSE

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On several occasions, the Industrial Advisory for the Institute of Technology at UWT has also questioned why the program name is not something that is not more easily recognized by those in the computing industry and community at large. In their last meeting, they unanimously voted to support a change of name to contain at least the words "Computer Science". In the Program Review that took place in 2008,conducted by the Graduate School in Seattle, the review committee recognized the problem with the current name and recommended that we take steps to change the program name to Computer Science and Systems.

The faculty of the Institute has considered two possible names for the program: "Computer Science" and "Computer Science & Systems." Because the Institute has adopted the systems philosophy as an important cornerstone for its future growth, the name "Computer Science & Systems" was chosen. The "Computer Science" portion of the name identifies the program to all who see it and the "Systems" extension shows the fit with the other programs within the Institute, and allows continued use of the CSS acronym that has become a brand identity locally in the south Puget Sound. This also differentiates the program from the Seattle computer science program.

A vote was taken at the faculty meeting on November 19, 2010.
Motion: To change the name of the Undergraduate and Graduate programs from Computer Software and Systems to Computer Science and Systems.
(motion: L. Wear, second: A. Teredesai, abstained: 0, against: 0, approved)