Inventory of the Records of the Computer Science-Information Systems Advisory Board (1982 -1985)

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Title: Records of the Computer Science-Information Systems Advisory Board
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Scope and Content of Papers

The Records of the Computer Science-Information Systems Advisory Board (also known as the Computer Science and Information Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee for Computer-Related Programs) consist of correspondence, proposals, membership lists, and other information related to the creation, mission, and proceedings of the Board. The records extend from 1982 (earlier examples of recommendations for computer resources) through the creation of the Board in 1983 through its apparent fulfillment of its mission by 1985.

Administrative History

In the early 1980s, as computer-related technologies developed and computer science skills because increasingly in demand in the workplace, Fairfield University made an effort to address this new trend by revising its curriculum and addressing equipment needs. Early attempts to coordinate these efforts resulted in the "Word Processing Committee" and the "Academic Computer Planning Committee." In 1983, Rev. Christopher F. Mooney, S.J., Academic Vice President, created an Advisory Board of technology professionals from the corporate world to aid in the development of Fairfield University's developing programs in computer science. In one letter, Father Mooney states: "the proposed majors in computer science and management information systems are each at the state of development that would benefit significantly from the perspective offered by outside experts." The committee/board was chaired first by Carlos A. Baradello of ITT Advanced Technology Center out of Shelton, CT, and then by John M. Frye of Emery Worldwide in Wilton, CT. A mission statement and objectives for the Board were established in 1984 by its members, which included Dr. Ted Biggerstaff, ITT; Charles Broadway, ITT; W. Thomas Dixon, General Electric; Daniel Madden, General Electric; Barry Schumaker, TIE/Communications; Richard T. Sevatson, AT&T; Gordon Sigman, Norden Systems; J.F. Sowa, IBM. Dr. Kurt Schlichting (Sociology), Dr. George Lang (Mathematics) and other university personnel also contributed to the assessment and exploration of computer-related needs at the university. During its run, the Board helped the university tackle computer-literacy requirements, projected needs for computer hardware/software, guidelines for a major in Computer Science, and a successful proposal for a grant from the Culpeper Foundation.

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1	Proposal for a Major in Computer Science – November 29, 1983 (revised)
1	Hardware/Software Proposal for Computer Science (first draft) – October 19, 1983
1	Projected Computer Resource Needs for Proposed Computer Science Programs – November 17, 1983
1	Hardware Decisions for Fall 1984 – March 2, 1984
1	Proposal/Grant – Culpeper Foundation - 1984