Support for New Computer Science Major

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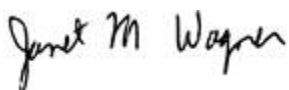Cc:Kleinsmith, Warren <Warren.Kleinsmith@stockton.edu>;

Dear Dr. Taneja,

I have received the CSIS Program Faculty final proposal for a new major in Computer Science, intended as one of two majors to replace the current single CSIS major (with two concentrations). As I have stated in years' worth of annual program and School reviews and other strategic planning documents --- I am strongly in support of such a move in general, and of this plan in particular.

Some items to note:

- I am strongly in favor of the CSIS program pursuing ABET accreditation, and this split into two majors is a pre-requisite for seeking that accreditation.

- We have heard from our advisory board members, from Admissions, and from Career Services that the two concentrations (and in particular the distinction between them) is not well understood in either the marketplace for incoming students or the marketplace for employing our graduates. Having two separate majors, with more distinctive curricula, should help address that confusion.

- As you know, my area of expertise has a fair amount of overlap with Computer Information Systems (and Computer Science) so my professional expertise leads me to believe that the new curricula developed by your faculty is sound and timely.

- The recent strong growth in CSIS majors (and both concentrations) leads me to believe there is plenty of demand for this major, and I believe the more focused major will only support additional growth in the future

- The current faculty resources are well matched to the needs of the new curricula, although with the past growth I have been (and will continue to) request additional faculty lines for this program.

Please know that this proposal has my unqualified support.

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