Minutes for Computer Science Discipline Meeting

October (Faculty Development Day), 2004
Clarkston Campus

Members in Attendance: Anant Honkan, Gene Sheppard, Julia Benson, Priscilla Dodds, Nat Kumaresan

Items Discussed:

1) CSCI 1300 Honors Course:
   Discussion centered around the creation of an honors version of CSCI 1300 versus a new 1300-equivalent course that is geared specifically for the CS major. It was pointed out that if we take the latter action, we won't burden our non-CS majors with material that is beyond their reach AND we don't bore the CS majors with material that is too elementary.

2) CSCI 1300 Discussion:
   A suggestion (presented by Gene Sheppard) was that perhaps we should consider doing away with CSCI 1300 altogether. His feeling is that many CS majors come in so well-prepared from high school that they may not, in fact, benefit from 1300. Additionally there is the transfer credit issue for the transient students since they often fail to receive credit for 1300 at the transfer institutions.

3) Textbook Discussion
   We discussed how the recently adopted new CS texts were faring out in the classroom. The Malik texts met with overall approval as did those of Schneider and Dale.