Minutes for Computer Science Discipline Mini-Meeting

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Clarkston Campus

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This was an end-of-year mini-meeting:

Items Discussed:

1) CSCI 1300:
   We felt it best to pursue development of a new CSCI 1300 course for CS non-majors that is less rigorous than the current CSCI 1300 course. The idea if an honors class was abandoned in favor of CSCI 1300 classes, one for non-majors and a second for the majors.

2) Exemption Test:
   Continued discussion about the CSCI exemption test in terms of faculty contributions to the test question data bank.

3) Other CS Discipline Issues:
   The need was discussed for a discussion with Virginia Michelich about the special needs of the Computer Science Discipline with respect to keeping up with rapid advancements in the field. Computer Science Discipline Advocacy. We feel that:
   - The institution should provide training for paradigm shifts (like switching the CSCI 1301/1302 sequence to a new language.

   And/Or
   - Course release time to rewrite/update course materials when switching to a new language.