CS Discipline Minutes (8/14/06)

Attendees:
- Julia Benson
- Ashraf Chowdhury
- Priscilla Dodds
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Discussion centered on the following key issues:

1) Discussion with respect to Program Review (2005-06) Recommendations.
   One of the main concerns of our External Reviewers was the need for qualified LTC (Learning & Tutoring Center) tutors. One of their recommendations was to explore the hiring of graduate programming tutors. This, of course, would require money that probably is not available. We will be exploring options with respect to locating and funding competent tutors (including the hiring of some of our advanced computer science majors).
   A second concern of the program reviewers involved consistent instruction across all 5 campuses. Full-time faculty have recently become concerned about reports of poor instruction at the adjunct level. To redress this we would like to implement the following recommendations with respect to mentoring adjunct faculty. (This would include assigning mentors for adjunct faculty at campuses where there are currently no full-time faculty present.)
   - Mentor meetings with adjunct faculty at semester outset
   - Review of syllabi and course assignment schedules by faculty mentors
   - Submission of final exams by adjuncts
   - Classroom observations

2) Review of textbooks for CSCI 2660.
   Since CSCI 2660 is essentially an elective course (with no transfer credit) and since there are very few students that ever opt to take this class, discussion centered on finding a more useful/popular topic in lieu of CSCI 2660.

3) Assessment for CSCI 1302
Those of us teaching CSCI 1302 will be developing an assessment instrument to be piloted in December and officially implemented in the Spring semester.

4) **Updating TGs and CCOs**
CSCI 1300 is up-to-date. CSCI 1301 and 1302 will be be updated this coming academic year.

5) **Discussion on the proposal for a two-track CSCI 1300 offering (science vs. non-science).**
   - Julia Benson and Nat Kumaresan will develop a proposal for a non-science version of CSCI 1300 intended for non-science and non-math based majors.
   - Priscilla Dodds and Ashraf Chowdhury will develop a proposal for the science version of CSCI 1300. The target audience will be CS and Engineering majors.

6) The discipline committee will commence development of a brochure outlining the Computer Science program at GPC to be used for informational and advisement purposes.