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Dear Ernie:

I am writing concerning the feasibility of establishing a B.S. in Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering. I understand that the proposed program is now under consideration by the Academic Organization and Structure Committee of the Faculty Senate.

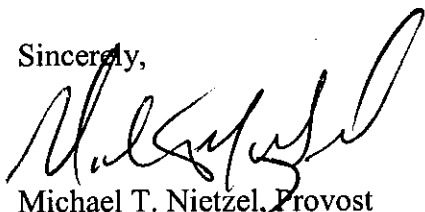
I have communicated with both Dean Lester and Dr. Singh about the proposal in order to confirm my understanding of the financial and resource requirements of the program.

It is important to document that at this time the College of Engineering is not asking for additional resources from the university to start this program. The College and program leadership is convinced that through internal reallocations, including four vacant faculty lines in the relevant department, the program can be launched. In addition, through streamlining of the existing engineering curriculum and certain teaching efficiency measures that the Department is prepared to take, the demands of the new program can be addressed. Dr. Singh has adequately outlined, in my opinion, the availability of adequate space, operating expenses, equipment, and supplies for the program.

Should enrollments in the program grow over the years such that current teaching resources are not adequate to handle such growth, I will be willing to endorse an equitable return of its incremental tuition to the program at such time that additional teaching resources would be required. Similar arrangements have been negotiated in the past to address planned program growth (for example, in Pharmacy).

Based on the documented need for this degree program, the well-conceived curriculum, and the resource plan described by the College of Engineering, I certify that I believe this program is administratively feasible and is a desirable addition to the University of Kentucky's instructional mission.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Nietzel, Provost

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Phil Kraemer
David Watt