

From: Elizabeth Langland
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2010 2:55 PM
To: Kurt VanLehn
Cc: Roger Berger; Suzanne Dietrich
Subject: RE: URGENT: Letter of support requested

Dear Professor VanLehn,

I have consulted with the Director of Mathematical and Natural Sciences regarding possible impacts on New College, particularly on Applied Computing, of your proposed degree in Informatics.

There is certainly some overlap between the proposed degree in Informatics and our Applied Computing degree. The general interdisciplinary nature of the proposed degree mirrors the interdisciplinary focus of our degree.

As far as the specific focal areas that are proposed, the Digital Cultures Informatics most closely resembles one of our concentrations, our Digital Media and Graphic Design concentration for students. The other focal areas do not overlap much with our concentrations.

Overall, we do not anticipate problematic impacts and find it attractive that students will have more options in the areas of computing and informatics.

Best regards,
Elizabeth Langland