To: Cognitive and Information Sciences Faculty and Grads

Re: A note regarding SCS / CIS PhD requirements

Date: October 28th, 2011

Colleagues, at the last CIS faculty meeting, we voted to approve the CIS program requirements, and we came to informal consensus on the rules for transitioning SCS students into CIS. I said I would email the consensus, here it is to my recollection. After getting feedback via email, we can finalize and post on the CIS internal docs site.

For students transitioning from the SCS program to the CIS program at the beginning of AY2011-2012, the following program requirements will be considered fullfilled:

For students starting their second year in residence in AY2011-12, the first year project requirement is considered fullfilled.

For students starting their third year in residence in AY2011-12, the first and second year project requirements are considered fullfilled.

All transitioning students may fullfill either the SCS or CIS Ph.D. course requirements in satisfaction of the CIS Ph.D.

Students who fullfilled any of the following requirements prior to AY2011-12 will be considered as having fullfilled them for the CIS program:

- Completed the equivalent of two 50% TA assignments
- Presented the equivalent of a technical public seminar with at least one CIS faculty member in attendance
- Passed the qualifying exam (corresponding to the intergrative review papers)
- Advanced to candidacy

For students who have not yet fullfilled any of these requirements prior to AY2011-2012, including the dissertation, they must fullfill them according to the CIS program requirements to obtain the CIS Ph.D.