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Informatics PhD Program Governing Committee Charge

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Dear Colleagues,

In the Transfer Administration of the Programs of the Illinois Informatics Institute Agreement approved by the University Senate on April 27, 2020, an Informatics PhD Faculty Committee is to be appointed by the Provost:

Informatics PhD: The Informatics PhD is a cross-campus program hosted at the iSchool. As specified in EP09.75 this program is overseen by a Governing Committee (GC) consisting of faculty members nominated by participating colleges and units and will include a representative from each of the five defined areas of Informatics and a representative from the Graduate College. With advice from the current GC and the Director for Informatics Programs the Provost will appoint committee members and the committee chair. The committee will have 8-12 members who will serve for renewable terms of years; the chair will also serve a renewable two-year term.

The Informatics PhD program is a unique research degree defined by innovative application and invention of computational methods to advance existing or newly created fields of inquiry. Research and education in informatics has a strong interdisciplinary focus bringing together information and computation foundations with application areas. The Informatics PhD program at the University of Illinois supports the interdisciplinary education needed to promote the creation of new fields of research enabled by the development and application of new technologies. The PhD program has 7 areas of concentration:

- Art & Cultural Informatics
- Bioinformatics
- Cognitive Science & Language Processing
- Data Analytics & Information Visualization
- Design, Technology, & Society
- Health & Medical Informatics
- Spatial Informatics

The Governing Committee for the Informatics PhD Program is responsible for reviewing and revising PhD program structure, requirements, and processes, including academic affairs, student affairs, and program assessment. Specifically, this committee is asked to:

- establish and maintain bylaws that define the committee's organizational process, length of terms for committee members, and process for replacing members
- oversee the Informatics PhD program, including program policies, academic requirements, and admissions
- periodically review program requirements and processes
- review annual PhD Program Learning Outcomes Assessments

Ex-officio members of the committee are the following:

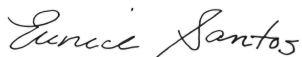
- Director of Informatics Programs
- Coordinator for Informatics Education Programs
- Graduate College representative, at the discretion of the Graduate College
- Informatics PhD student representative, using a peer-selection process

Thank you again for your willingness to take on this important role.

Sincerely,



John Coleman
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost



Eunice Santos
Dean of the School of Information Sciences