

SELF-ASSESSMENT - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES
Computer Information & Science Engineering

Condition #1: *The right people apply for doctoral study.*

Condition #2: *The right applicants are admitted as doctoral students*

Condition #3: *Students and faculty form productive working relationships*

Condition #4: *Students experience social support from fellow students*

Conditions	Goals /Activities	Timeline
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historically, Computer Science/Engineering has low numbers of minority and female applicants across university programs. <p>Goal: CISE would like to increase the number of minority and female applicants in our PhD program by diligently targeting outstanding minority and female undergraduate students throughout the US.</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial awards are set aside that are targeting specifically for minority and female applicants. • Invite top PhD applicants to recruiting weekends 	Fall 2006
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process for admitting students can be cumbersome due to the department having to wait for the Office of Admissions to evaluate student transcripts. It is possible that this delay may cause students to choose other universities over the University of Florida. Unfortunately, the CISE department does not have control over this aspect of admission, but we are hopeful that once a new Director of Admissions is hired, this problem will be addressed. <p>Goal: Make changes to expedite the admissions process</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned meeting held with the admissions office • Continue comprehensive admission process 	Fall 2006

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The department prides itself on positive working relationships between faculty and students. Both entities realize the value to be gained from the other. When new PhD students initially arrive an orientation is held to acquaint them with the department, faculty and current students. Students are invited into research working groups once an appropriate match is found. CISE hosts a series of seminars and invited talks that are open to all our faculty and students. In addition, CISE holds “town meetings” in order to solicit feedback from both our masters and PhD student annually. The department also places an emphasis on relationships outside of academics and as such hosts departmental picnics and holiday parties for faculty, students and staff. CISE feels our current strategies engage students both academically and personally.

Goal: Continue the above mentioned efforts to maintain positive communication

In progress

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The department has created a committee of CISE Ambassadors. This committee is made up of faculty and students. The role of the students on this committee is to participate in recruiting events and to help orient new students to the department. The students that make up the ambassadors come from a variety of nationalities in order to demonstrate the vast diversity of the students in the department. The orientation program along with other social events like departmental picnic, Christmas party, etc. also provide interactions among students and faculty members.

Goal : The Ambassador program is fairly new. The department **plans to expand the role of the ambassadors**, as well increase the number of students who participate as ambassadors.

Activities:

- We encourage students to initiate and organize events, such as discussion meetings under certain academic/non-academic subjects. In progress
- Hold events Spring 2006
- Start a Graduate student organization Fall 2006