The Garza Report

- Defused a bitter confrontation between the Faculty and Administration.

- but... left behind ambiguity and conflicting promises for today's Provost.

Weaknesses in the CAPP Report

- Failure to consult with interested parties. None of the following were consulted in preparing this report:

  Members of Computer Science Dept.
  Chair of the Computer Science Dept.
  Dean, Computing & Information Science
  Faculty of Computing and Information

- Little analysis of what has happened since 1999.
1. What has happened to the Computer Science Department under CIS?

   During 1998/99 Computer Science was in bad shape.
   [6 faculty left in one year.]

   Since Summer 1999, Computer Science has thrived.
   [Excellent recruiting; no faculty left; splendid students; major research grants.]

2. Has the location of Computer Science in CIS stimulated interdisciplinary activities across the university?

   Computer Science faculty, working with the Dean of CIS, have been part of numerous initiatives.
   [Genomics, Graphics, Communication, Physics, Science and Technology Studies, etc.]
3. Have interactions between Computer Science and Engineering been harmed?

- Strong educational cooperation, especially between Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering. [Undergraduate and graduate level]

- Numerous joint research activities, notably in computer systems, networking, etc. [At least 20% of Computer Science faculty]

- Collaboration in recruitment.
Recommendation to the Faculty Senate

Ask CAPP to withdraw the report because of lack of consultation with the academic units concerned.

Request to the Provost

Please resolve the current ambiguous situation of the Computer Science Dept. -- in an open and consultative manner.

[You will hear strong arguments that the current situation is working well for the university and should be made permanent, but the final decision must be yours.]