• The administrative location of the Computer Science Department (pursuant to the Garza Agreement of 2000)

Current discussion is about proceeding with the implementation of a provision of the Garza Agreement that specifies that ‘…(t)he Computer Science Department will be located in one or more existing colleges…’

Note:
1. The Faculty of Information Science is not at issue.

2. Later today you will hear a request for additional delay. But note that all parties have had already at least two years for thoughtful discussion and analysis – had they really wished to resolve with this.
In an e-mail to you earlier today, I shared with you two statements.

I outlined one approach that I believe would satisfy the Garza Agreement – and indicated that use of the already implemented models for interdisciplinary departments in the Biological and Nutritional Sciences would resolve our concern and make any discussion today unnecessary.

I understand Bob Constable’s reply to mean that he does not agree that these existing models constitute a suitable basis for the College Deans, Provost and himself (and others) to resolve this matter privately summer.

That’s unfortunate, I think, and makes this conversation today necessary.