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Reaction to the Evaluation Report of the Committee for the Evaluation of Computer Science Study Programs

Short term Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

The college must constitute a comprehensive professional development program for the academic staff.

Reaction:

In reaction to this recommendation we wish to emphasize again that the conditions for professional development in the Computer Science School are similar to those at the Israeli universities. In particular: A. the teaching requirements for faculty members are eight to ten yearly hours. B. All members of the academic staff have at their disposal an annual allowance for international scientific cooperation and a sabbatical allowance, similar to those at most Israeli universities. We believe that each faculty member uses his or her best judgment to use their research allowances towards an optimal personal scientific development. To ensure proper use of these allowances, each expense is academically approved by the school's dean. C. The library keeps electronic copies of the leading research journals in Computer Science

Recommendation 2:

The department should set in place a process to reflect on the attainment of teaching and learning outcomes in a planned, periodic manner.

Reaction

Beginning with the academic year 2014/2015, the attainment of teaching and learning outcomes will be discussed at the first meeting of the school's academic council in the second term. The discussion will be moderated by the dean and the faculty members will be notified ahead of time so each of them can suggest a subject for discussion.

Intermmediate term Recommendations
Recommendation 1:

The department should identify and hire the faculty members needed to run a master's program before starting such a program.

Reaction

The school continues searching for the right candidates to be hired. In such a small department, every new hire is vital, so we are very careful. Since our interest in the school's success is essential, we will not initiate an M.Sc. program unless we are absolutely convinced that the academic requirement for such a program is met.

Recommendation 2:

The department must offer more elective courses.

Reaction

During the 2013/14 academic year, the department introduced two new elective courses:

1. Image Processing.
2. Introduction to Software Quality assurance.

In the next academic year we intend to introduce two additional elective courses:

1. Introduction to Natural Language Processing.
2. Pattern Recognition.

We hope that additional elective courses will be offered in the next years.