Ed Board Call Notes  1/24/07  
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Security Course Sequence  
Matt Bishop is projecting spring of 2008 for a draft based to be produced after a meeting of a task force. The NSF funding for the task force meeting will drive the timetable. Andrew will follow-up with Matt to see if anything can be done until the funding is available; such as, perhaps determining the participants, and having a conference call to get things rolling in the meantime. It will be important for the task force to not only look at existing model curriculums, but also get industry feedback for fresh ideas based on current best practices.

ACM Council Conference Call  
It was primarily focused on efforts to recruit institutional and individual members in China. Andrew reported that this effort is a primary organizational focus. Eric expressed concern that Stu Feldman hasn’t responded on the urgent matter of filling Ed Board vacancies. Education Policy Group action is also a concern. John White and Pat Ryan both said they would follow-up on this. Alan said he would check on progress with them.

C-Path  
Letters of support were provided by the Ed Board for several funding proposals.

CRA-e Meeting  
15 people attended and discussed if the CRA should establish an education subcommittee. Mark reported that the consensus view was yes, but that it would be limited in scope by definition of CRA’s resources and focus. CRA does not feel comfortable working in that kind of policy arena. Potential CRA roles are: disseminate ideas, look at infrastructure, and leverage institutional members to emphasize the importance of education. Eric suggested that convening chairs and deans to discuss the importance of education at a future Snowbird conference might be a goal; or have a separate conference for this audience similar to Snowbird during off cycle with that conference. We discussed the issue of why physics is more successful than CS at the HS level. Alan brought up the diversity of courses in Physics versus CS. Peter suggested that physics students would be excellent targets for recruitment while in college. The question is how to reach them; college counselors, student physics clubs, stories in student media/newspapers/radio, other ideas? They would make great targets for graduate or undergraduate CS programs. +It was mentioned that there is much anecdotal evidence that CS enrollments are reviving; Stanford, CMU, and U. Wash. are both all up significantly. We’ll look for data on second tier schools. Eric suggested that many IT people aren’t going to grad school; they are taking lucrative jobs in Bangalore. So H.S. student perceptions or lack of enthusiasm isn’t the only issue.

Careers Brochure
Lillian has formatted it in a more usable 9X11 format with fewer illustrations. This will help with downloading and printing at the local level. Alan mentioned that the Careers Website will be enhanced to include links to the “working at company X” section of as many computer companies' websites as possible. Google has already supplied a link, we will recruit as many as possible.