

INFORMATION ABOUT ACCREDITATION OF COMPUTER

SCIENCE PROGRAMS

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The purpose of this panel discussion is to present an overview of the Computer Science Accreditation Board (CSAB) accreditation process and answer questions from members of the audience. The panel members bring a great deal of experience with the accreditation process. Pierce has served on visiting teams for the past five years and was a team chair 1998-1999. The Cozart and Shipley served as visiting team members. All three institutions represented have CSAB accredited Computer Science programs; therefore, the panel members also have experience with the process from the perspective of a visited institution.

After introduction of the panel members, the following points will be discussed:

- An overview of CSAB activities. Online resource information will be provided from <http://www.csab.org> . Advantages of having an accredited program will be highlighted.
- ▶ An explanation of CSAB Criteria for Accrediting Programs in Computer Science in the United States. The criteria categories are as follows: Faculty, Administration, Curriculum, and Students.
- ▶ An outline of activities in the accreditation process. The process activities include: writing the self-study, collecting materials, being visited, reading the visit report and responding, and being informed of the CSAB action decision.

A discussion will follow beginning with how to decide if you want to begin the accreditation application process and what initial steps you might take. There will be ample time for audience input and questions.