Larry Davis opened the meeting at 2:10pm. He announced that ‘Women in Computing’ will be sponsoring a Casino Night on February 5. Dealers are needed and Larry asked faculty members to consider being a volunteer dealer. It’s fun activity and provides a chance to interact with students on a more personal basis.

The meeting was then turned over to Jeff Hollingsworth. Jeff mentioned that a suggestion had been made to create a “games” course. This will be discussed during spring 2010 and anyone interested in the topic should email Amitabh with ideas.

Jeff then began with the first agenda topic to review proposed changes to course titles, descriptions and prerequisites as outlined in materials circulated prior to the meeting. It was suggested that CMSC 106 should require some math. It was agreed that MATH 140 would be dropped and the co-requisite of 115 be added to the description.

The phrasing of the course description for the limit on taking CMSC 106 if a student has taken CMSC 131 or higher will be cleaned-up from what was listed in the materials.

There was a motion to amend the two descriptions as discussed. The motion carried.

Jeff asked if there were any additional questions or changes needed for the remaining courses listed. As there were none voiced, a vote to make the changes with the amendments previously mentioned was held. The vote was unanimous in favor of making the changes.

The course sequence will be:

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| 131 – 132 – 216 ---| |
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The CMSC 216 course description had been updated (material distributed in advance of the meeting) and there was no further discussion of the description at the meeting.

Jeff mentioned that Computer Engr would be voting to replace CMSC 212 with CMSC 216 in their curriculum. A proposal outlining what CS courses would be required for computer engineering students will be circulated along with possible electives that they can take. Jeff will review the document and determine the implications. CS faculty will then be provided with all of this information. Either an email vote will be held this
semester or a discussion and possible vote at the first Education Meeting of the spring semester.

Howard Elman then began a discussion for the need to revise the content of CMSC 666-667. New topics have been added while others have been de-emphasized. Howard has been working with about 10 people involved in the review of the Applied Math courses. There was no opposition to what was recommended so the proposed changes were accepted.

A suggestion was made to keep a spreadsheet for both UG and graduate courses that documents when each course was last reviewed.

Howard said he is not recommending any further changes to the graduate requirements but following a discussion with Jeff and Larry Davis, all felt the existing requirements should remain but will be enforced. In the future, few exceptions will be approved. The requirements are that 7 courses must be taken within 5 semesters with a student receiving 5 A’s. Howard will add a clause to the graduate manual saying that the department’s expectation is that students should be able to complete the 7 courses in 4 semesters. The motivation is to make the program condensed and efficient.

Campus administration wants all graduate programs to move students through efficiently rather than permit them to remain in their programs for long periods without much progress.

Howard announced that the season for Graduate Admissions has begun and he needs volunteers for applicant reviews. Please contact Howard if interested. It’s an important department service, it can be interesting and the program needs academically strong students.

Mike Hicks suggested a course topic for discussion during spring 2010. He said that ‘concurrent threads’ is interspersed in a number of courses and it might be better to have a course on that topic vs. the current method of introduction. He will send email to faculty members asking opinions and for volunteers to form a committee to make a recommendation to the faculty on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.