Additional Information for Discussion of Revised Benchmarks at Education Meeting 11-1-13

I was asked if a summary could be compiled of the proposed changes to the UG benchmarks since the last discussion held in September 2012. Attached is the document on benchmarks from that Education Meeting as well as a summary of the proposed changes (see below) which was compiled by Brandi and Alan. The intent is that this information along with the revised document on benchmarks sent to you earlier this week will help you understand the proposed changes.

In the previous version of the benchmark, CMSC131 and MATH140 had to be completed before 30 credits. At the behest of the Dean's office, we have been asked to include CMSC132 and MATH141 with CMSC131 and MATH140.

Now, students will be required to have CMSC131, CMSC132, MATH140 and MATH141 completed by 30 credits of starting the CS major, or they will not meet benchmarks.

We have removed the General Education requirements--again at the request of the Dean's office.

At 60 credits, we are asking that students have CMSC131, 132, 216 and 250 along with MATH140, MATH141 and either STAT400 or a MATH/STAT/AMSC (with MATH141 as a prerequisite) finished.

We have removed the General Education requirements on these as well--again, at the request of the Dean's office.

The third benchmark was changed to be more specific about what the students are allowed to fail.

The fourth benchmark has been added to allow CS to remove students from the major who are not taking our classes.