Attendees: Ben Bengfort, Andrew Childs, Rance Cleveland, Amol Deshpande, John Dickerson, Howard Elman, Jason Filippou, Jeffrey Foster, William Gasarch, Tom Goldstein, Evan Golub, Larry Herman, Michael Hicks, David Jacobs, Jonathan Katz, Samir Khuller, Dave Levin, Anwar Mamat, Mike Marsh, Dana Nau, Alyssa Neuner, Don Perlis, Stephanie Peters, Angel Plane, Mihai Pop, Eytan Ruppin, Hanan Samet, Neil Spring, Aravind Srinivasan, Jenny Story, Alan Sussman, Amy Vaillancourt, David Van Horn, and Lily Zhang

1. Pre-Req Changes to CMSC 422: Discussion prior to vote led by Alan Sussman and Amol Deshpande. Quorum of 32 met with 34 attendees. Mihai Pop motioned for a vote.
   Yes – 32
   No – 1
   Abstained - 1
   Pre-req change passed

2. Changes in Academic Advising – Alan Sussman and Samir Khuller

   There will be a change in UG Mandatory advising for the Spring semester. It is necessary to have group advising instead of individual advising. One on one advising will still be available. We will probably not continue with this group advising, but considering they are shorthanded it needs to be done this way for the Spring.

3. New Pathways into our Graduate Program – Jeff Foster

   Diversity in our graduate program is not great in race or gender and our undergraduate program ranks 16th in diversity.

   Proposed Program Design:

   Year 1 –
   Summer CS 131/132/216/250
   Fall 330, 351
   Spring two 400 level courses
   Mentoring and extra tutoring throughout

   Years 2-3 (MS)
   Remaining 400/600/800 level courses
Years 4-7 (PhD)
Additional 600/800 level courses, proposal, and defense

CS will provide funding. Ten students per year.

It was asked if this option would be open to only minorities or everyone? In writing it would be available to everyone, in practice probably only minorities.

4. Discussion of alternate CMSC 131/132 sequence for next academic year – David VanHorn

In the Fall he will teach a new course with 131 / 132 content, probably called 198.