Computer Information Systems

Program Strengths and Accomplishments
The CIS program provides students with a broad selection of courses, with an emphasis on practical and vocational aspects of the subject matter. Enrollment figures have stabilized after a period of decline. Our ability to respond effectively to the changing and dynamic requirements of the industry is dependent upon the implementation of our long-range plans, including a commitment to upgrade both hardware and software. As the program invests in curriculum development and revision, we will also be dependent upon effective internal and external partnerships to address our plans for growth.

Other Issues Facing the Department
Marketing and outreach efforts will be critical if we are to meet our goals of increasing enrollment. Promoting CIS programs to the surrounding community, both private and public sector, remains a critical goal. In order to improve our competitive position, we will continue to pursue internal and external resources to enable us to address critical program needs. Among these are: Installation of Vista on CIS computers; upgrading of systems to run and manage Oracle databases, procurement of additional classroom and laboratory space dedicated to the program.

Goals/Action Plans for the Next Three Years
- Identify resources to improve program standing with respect to hardware and software needs.
- Initiate action plan identified in 2004-2005 Program Review to develop and implement an effective marketing and outreach strategy.
- Increase the quality of CIS curricula by enhancing the availability of technology for classrooms.
- Address the fragmentation of program curriculum with the goal of providing cohesion and clarity of direction for students.