

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.3 Ohio University, Master of Science in Computer Science

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Ohio University  
Master of Science in Computer Science

## **BACKGROUND**

### **OHIO UNIVERSITY**

#### Master of Science in Computer Science

Ohio University seeks Regents' approval to offer the Master of Science in Computer Science degree program at its main campus. The School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science proposes the addition of a research-oriented degree program that would prepare students for challenging careers in the expanding software development industry as well as other related business sectors that normally employ computer scientists. This degree program would give students a solid foundation in the computing discipline while simultaneously developing professional strength through both practical and basic research experiences. A significant unique strength of this program is direct exposure to application areas within the engineering disciplines. The graduates of this program would be well suited for admission into any one of the Ph.D. in computer science degree programs at the other Ohio institutions of higher learning.

The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study has reviewed extensive written documentation provided by Ohio University on this proposed graduate program and, in response to expert reviews of these descriptive materials, provided the University with appropriate critical comments. The University, in turn, provided additional written descriptive materials and sent its program representatives to the October 27, 2000 meeting of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study. After a detailed presentation by representatives of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science that was followed by questions from individual campus representatives, the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted with unanimous assent to approve the Master of Science in Computer Science degree program at Ohio University.