Schools and Colleges of Computing

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Motivation

- The name change better conveys the pervasive nature of computing

- A School could offer broader degrees such as a B.A. or Data Science

- A School might enable us to leverage joint appointments
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- A School might enable affiliate departments to be designated.
- A School might be a stepping stone to a College.
Timeline

- 9/11: Share Vision
- 9/13: Develop Business Plan
- 3/15: Receive $1M Donation
9/15–2/16: MSU Committees Review Proposal
   ◦ College of Engineering
   ◦ Graduate School Council
   ◦ Dean’s Council
   ◦ Faculty Senate
   ◦ President’s Executive Council

2/16: Temporary Obstacle
   ◦ After discussion, we have decided to withhold the School of Computing proposal from the BOR agenda.
Timeline

- 3/16: Board of Regents Discussion Item
- 4/16: $6M Naming Gift
- 5/16: Board of Regents Information Item
- 8/16: Gianforte School of Computing!
Lessons Learned

- Gain buy-in from key stakeholders
- Take advantage of enrollment growth
- External support played a key role
- Short-term wins are useful
- Surprises happen