

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



Motivation

- ▶ A School might enable affiliate departments to be designated
- ▶ A School might be a stepping stone to a College



Timeline

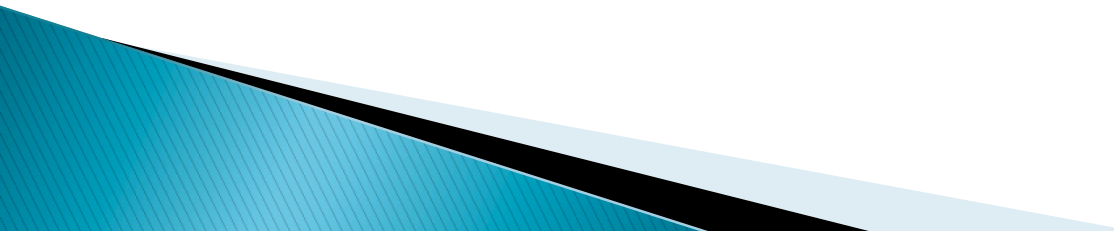
- ▶ 9/11: Share Vision
- ▶ 9/13: Develop Business Plan
- ▶ 3/15: Receive \$1M Donation



Timeline

- ▶ 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!
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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

