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September 22, 2005

Dr. Mathew Palakal
Chairman
Department of Computer and Information Science
School of Science, IUPUI

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS

Dear Mathew,

I have carefully read the proposal for the Graduate Certificate Program. The program will provide a solid core in the fundamentals of computer science which will be valuable in a number of different career paths. In addition, the plan of study will be integral to your master's and doctoral programs, allowing a vertical transition for the best of the certificate program graduates.

As with all of the other academic offerings in the Department of Computer and Information Science, this certificate program would complement the programs in the School of Informatics, not compete with them. Since the earliest planning stage, the School of Informatics has enjoyed a strong relationship with the School of Science, and this will continue.

I fully endorse your efforts to bring the certificate program into being.

Wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas Perry".

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September 9, 2005

Dr. Mathew Palakal
Professor and Chair
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Dear Dr. Palakal,

I am pleased to learn the Computer Science Department is considering specialized Graduate Certificate Programs in Databases, Software Engineering, Bioinformatics, Biometrics, Networks and Network Security areas. Furthermore, I endorse and support the department in these efforts to better prepare the student for central Indiana's vocations and to better differentiate itself from other schools of higher education.

Focused accredited programs are powerful alternatives for the working professional. The IT professional in central Indiana wishing to advance has limited options. The graduate programs can be prohibitive due to time commitments and often over prepare the student for the careers available in central Indiana. I concur that the vision of these Certificate Programs is not meant to replace or diminish the established MS and PhD programs, but to complement them with focused areas matching the careers available today in central Indiana's workplace. Higher education must adapt to meet changing requirements and I applaud your vision how to adapt it to the region's needs.

Feel free to contact me if I can be assistance in promoting your program to the central Indiana business community.

Sincerely,

Merrick Mossman
Director of Information Technology
Network Storage, Inc.



September 14, 2005

Dr. Mathew Palakal
Chair, Department of Computer and Information Science
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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Dear. Dr. Palakal:

I was pleased to learn that the IUPUI Department of Computer and Information Science is pro-actively pursuing Graduate Certificates in important areas of computer science research and computing applications. The proposed graduate certificate program will provide Central Indiana the much needed IT manpower resources for both economic development and academic activities. It is a natural follow-on to the very well received M.S. Program that you currently have in place.

Biomedical research and education require increasingly more Information Technology skills. It is, therefore, essential for the biomedical community to have access to people with the required IT knowledge and skills. The proposed graduate certificate also provides an appropriate educational channel that allows some of the biomedical researchers and students to seek additional formal training in Computer Science. As you know, my lab has been collaborating with your department on several research projects. The increasing need for Computer Science skills and knowledge in our research makes this program particular timely and important to us. For example, the Biometric Computing and Bioinformatics certificate programs provide just the kind of knowledge and training that are needed in our research, as well as in biomedical industry as a whole. I strongly support the proposed graduate certificate program, and I believe I speak for many of my colleagues in the School of Medicine in this matter.

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Sincerely,

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Feng C. Zhou, Ph.D
Professor of Anatomy/Cell Biology & Neurobiology

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Dr. Mathew Palakal
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Dear Mathew:

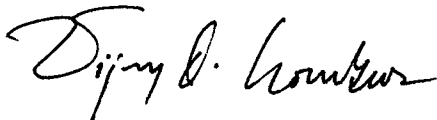
I am writing this letter in support of your proposal to offer Graduate Certificate Programs in highly specialized areas to meet the needs of the Indiana community. The areas that you are focusing on, especially Bioinformatics and Databases/Datamining, are very important for the pharmaceutical industry. I am sure that several Lilly employees might be interested in such short programs that would fit in their development plan.

I am also glad that the programs that you are proposing can lead to your existing M.S. Programs so that, if interested, a student can continue on to pursue a postgraduate degree.

As the business community in and around Indiana is growing, the need for specialists in Information Technology with concentration in some of the areas you are proposing is also growing. In this regard, your proposed initiative would help address focused graduate-level program needs for appropriately trained professionals.

I will be happy to promote this program in my own establishment and please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,



Vijay K. Gombar, Ph.D.
Research Advisor

INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC IMAGING

September 7, 2005

Dr. Mathew Palakal, Professor and Chair
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Dear. Professor Palakal:

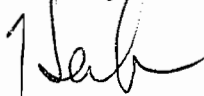
I am really happy that you are proposing to develop Graduate Certificate Programs in specialization areas such as Databases, Software Engineering, Bioinformatics, Biometrics, Networks and Network Security. Providing Central Indiana with such a contribution is a natural follow-on to the very well received M.S. Program that you currently have in place, and will address a well defined need.

Several of us are organizing the Indiana Forensic Science Initiative, and one of the branches of our interest deals with information technology. Our organization has already created two new jobs in the State and we have only just started. As the Central Indiana business community grows, so will the need for people with better computer science related skills. Your initiative in this regard would help Central Indiana's significant need for focused, short, graduate level programs for technically trained professionals.

Both business and government organizations will surely see this as a wonderful opportunity for their employees.

I strongly support this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Herbert Blitzer
Executive Director

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Mathew,
Sorry for getting back to you late. Stanley and I reviewed the proposal. We both feel it is a good idea to provide our students with more options. We support your effort and hope we will collaborate in some new graduate certificate programs to be developed that will benefit both in the future.

I agree we should meet on regular basis and exchange ideas and new initiatives. I am available on the following dates/times this week:
Wed Sept 14 2-5pm
Thur Sept 15 9-11am
Fri Sept 16 9am - 12 noon.

regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mathew Palakal [<mailto:mpalakal@cs.iupui.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 9:07 AM

To: Chen, Yaobin
Subject: support letter?

Dear Yaobin,

Hope that all is going well and keeping busy with all your great work!
My Associate Dean Pam suggested that we two meet soon to discuss about possible joint research projects and proposals. It is a great idea and I hope that we can meet soon.

I am writing this note to ask you for a favour on behalf of E&T.

The Computer Science Department is proposing to offer a Graduate Certificate Program as a conduit to the already existing MS program. The students will take 4 courses and can receive a Certificate in Computer Science. Since the admission requirements and the courses are already part of our regular graduate program, students may continue with an MS or a PhD program after the Certificate if they chose to do so.

As part of the approval process at IUPUI, I am looking for a support/no objection letter from the School of Engineering & Technology since our programs are in the broader "IT" area. I am attaching a summary of our proposal. Please let me know if you need any clarification or questions about the proposal.

Please email me or fax the letter to 274-9742 if possible by the end of next week.

Thank you for your support!

Best,

Mathew

September 19, 2005

Dr. Mathew Palakal
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INDIANA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF
LIBERAL ARTS



Dear. Dr. Palakal:

It is my pleasure to write to you to offer my support to the proposed graduate certificate program in Computer Science. This graduate certificate program provides the additional flexibility on top of your popular Master's degree program that I believe is very valuable to many people in local business and industry. As information technology becoming increasingly ubiquitous, access to IT personnel and training opportunities is critical to Central Indiana's economic development. Central Indiana is significantly underserved with graduate level programs for technically trained professionals. Your effort to consider graduate certificates in Computer Science in Indianapolis represents a positive step up the ladder to make Indianapolis and Central Indiana the community it needs to be to survive in the 21st Century. I speak for numerous colleagues that we work with daily which indicate strong support for such an important initiative. In addition, I can imagine graduate students in our Geographic Information Science, Public History, Political Science, Economics, Medical Sociology and Medical Anthropology programs having interest in the certificate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Ward'.

Richard Ward, Ph.D.
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