Colorado State University Information Science and Technology Center (ISTeC)

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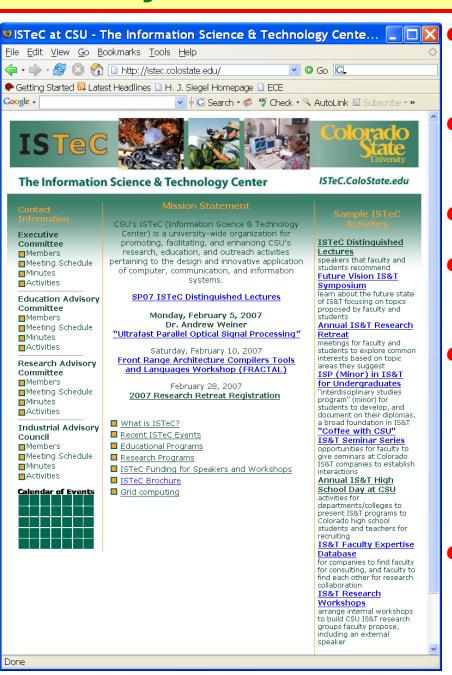


The Information Science & Technology Center

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- ISTeC Information Science and Technology Center at CSU
- university-wide organization to promote, facilitate, and enhance CSU's IS&T research, education, and outreach activities
- IS&T at CSU: pertaining to the design and innovative application of computer, communication, and information systems
- Research Advisory Committee (RAC) & Education Advisory Committee (EAC)
 - each ~20 faculty, includes representatives of <u>all</u> nine colleges
- ISTeC Industrial Advisory Council: >35 <u>active</u> companies
 - meet each semester, advice on our activities

History of ISTeC



- Jan. 2000: CSU ISTeC formed
 - established an IS&T minor
- Dec. 2001: Strategic Plan Com. to expand scope of ISTeC
- Dec. 2002: Plan approved
- May 2003: ISTeC's RAC & EAC formed and had first meetings
- ISTeC is across CSU colleges ISTeC Director reports to VPIT (member of ISTeC Exec. Com.)
 - liaison with the faculty for VPIT Office
- Who is a member of ISTeC?
 - anybody at CSU interested in "IS&T"



Sample ISTeC Education Advisory Com. Activities

- ISP (Minor) in IS&T for Undergraduates
 - "interdisciplinary studies program" (minor)
 - develop broad IS&T foundation, courses from multiple depts.
- Human and Computing Systems Concentration
 - in the CS Dept. Applied Computing Technology Major
 - Human Computer Interaction and Human Factors
- Student Fluency with Information Technology
 - assess student information and technology fluency at CSU
 - enhance IS&T learning across the curriculum
- Annual IS&T High School Day
 - engage H.S. students and teachers in hands-on activities
 - encourage enrollment in IS&T programs in numerous depts.



More ISTeC Education Advisory Com. Activities

Biennial FutureVision Symposium

- to learn about the predicted state of IS&T in the next five years
- topics and speakers proposed by faculty and IAC

Building Bridges for Educational Excellence

- enhance P-12 IS&T education in Fort Collins
- build collaborations among P-12 teachers and CSU faculty

Inspire to Innovate Scholarship

- joint CSIA ("Colorado's Technology Association") and CSU
- awarded to incoming freshmen in IS&T degree programs



Sample ISTeC Research Advisory Com. Activities

ISTeC Distinguished Lectures

- external senior speakers on hot IS&T topics
- presentations suitable for broad audiences

Research Retreats

- interdisciplinary meetings to explore common interests
- examples: people-animals-robots lab, bioinformatics

Research Workshops

- internal workshops, each with an external guest speaker
- focused topic area, to grow CSU IS&T research group

"Coffee with CSU" IS&T Seminar Series

- faculty give research seminars at Colorado IS&T companies
- build interactions, e.g., consulting, grants, and company staff pursuing graduate degrees

More ISTeC Research Advisory Com. Activities

- Research Communities
 - analysis of how faculty work together on IS&T grants
 - use to help build future interdisciplinary IS&T research teams
- High Performance Computing (HPC) Study
 - support coordination and use of HPC across campus
 - explore HPC collaborative activities and funding opportunities
- Teaming of IS&T and "Application" Graduate Students
 - promote courses GRAD 510/511 on HPC programming
 - ↑ IS&T and "application" graduate students to work synergistically on research problems that use HPC
- "ISTeC PhD Scholars" Program
 - to help recruit top IS&T PhD students
 - a small monetary award
 - involvement with the Distinguished Lecture speakers, ISTeC Research Advisory Committee, and IAC

ISTeC Headquarters

located in new Computer Science Building (opened Jan. 2009)



- facilities for use by faculty and students involved in IS&T
- videoconferencing room
- student study lounge overlooking the foothills
- offices for
 - interdisciplinary researchers
 - academic and industrial visitors
 - adjunct and research faculty
- administrative offices of ISTeC



ISTeC Industrial Advisory Council Opportunities

Semi-Annual Industrial Advisory Council Retreats

- learn about and provide guidance on CSU IS&T activities
- network with CSU faculty and other company reps

Organize an ISTeC Industry Day

- meet on campus with faculty and students from all depts.
- discuss products, joint R&D, internships, consulting, and jobs

"Coffee with CSU" Program

- CSU faculty give seminars at company sites
- educate employees, build mutually beneficial relationships

Come to "ISTeC Distinguished Lectures"

- given by external senior researchers and educators
- meet with the speakers



More ISTeC IAC Opportunities

- Biennial "ISTeC FutureVisions"
 - about new directions for IS&T
 - attend and suggest topics and speakers
- Annual "ISTeC High School Day"
 - present career information
 - encourage H.S. students to pursue IS&T-related programs
- Use the "ISTeC Headquarters" Facilities
 - videoconference room
 - visitor offices



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Concluding Remarks

- sample ISTeC activities summarized
- ISTeC consists of active faculty from <u>all</u> nine colleges who care about CSU IS&T research, education, and outreach
- built an inter-college IS&T people-infrastructure
- enhancing IS&T intellectual environment, reputation, and funding at CSU
- providing infrastructure to assist all colleges at CSU in the design and innovative application of IS&T
- liaison with the faculty for VPIT Office

