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SUBJECT: "Economics of Information Systems"

TO: Dr. Ronald Juliette, Chairperson  
UWUCC

FROM: D. A. Walker, Chairperson *Daw*  
Department of Economics

DATE: October 23, 1989

The Department of Economics would appreciate your consideration of the matter of controlling the content and titles of special topics courses. We would like you to devise a way of ensuring that they do not infringe upon the course content and professional specialization of another department without the consent of that department. This matter is of concern to us because the Department of Computer Science has listed on its Spring 1990 schedule a course entitled "Economics of Information Systems." The economics of information is a well-defined and active part of the discipline of economics.

Our objection to the course is that the Department of Computer Science did not consult us in devising the course or its title, but are nevertheless giving it the title of an economics course. We object to the teaching of economics courses at IUP by faculty who are not in our Department of Economics if the content of the course and its instructor have not been approved by us. Incidentally, Computer Science has not followed the correct procedure in regard to the listing, because they did not publish a description of the course as is required by UWUCC rules.