



Vision and Identity Committee

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Goal and Method

- ▶ Develop an understanding of
 - ▶ What should be in the vision of the SCI
 - ▶ How the identity of SCI might be characterized
- ▶ Method
 - ▶ Listened for common themes at other subcommittee meetings
 - ▶ Held meetings to gather input from the community

Outcomes

- ▶ Elements of a vision for SCI within Pitt
- ▶ Elements of a vision for SCI as a unit
- ▶ Elements of an identity

Elements of a vision for SCI as a unit

- ▶ Invest in and strengthen our foundational disciplines
 - ▶ Computer science
 - ▶ Information science and networked systems
 - ▶ Information cultures
 - ▶ Data stewardship
- ▶ Build a reputation as a leader in contextually situated computing
- ▶ Build on excellence in research and teaching
- ▶ This will serve as a platform for multidisciplinary collaboration

Elements of a vision within Pitt

- ▶ Hub for computing and information on campus
 - ▶ Discovery of new challenges and methods
 - ▶ Active engagement in the exploration of cultural and ethical issues
- ▶ Active and strong outreach to other departments
- ▶ Redefining organizational form within the University
- ▶ But **not** a service organization for computing and information

Elements of Identity

- ▶ Innovation mindset and that promotes a creative and entrepreneurial spirit
- ▶ Open culture that values and promotes ethnic, gender and intellectual diversity, which includes respecting and valuing different perspectives, viewpoints, research methods, etc. as well as the people who have or use them
- ▶ Known as a research oriented school that develops and values robust and rigorous academic foundations
- ▶ Preference for evaluating progress using evidence-based metrics and benchmarks
- ▶ Engages students at all levels of education
- ▶ Actively engages in collaborative partnerships within and outside of the School with academic, industrial, governmental and not-for-profit partners
- ▶ Is known for responsive and agile operational processes that enable rapid exploration of new themes and ideas