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Dr. Alfred L. Moyé  
Chair, School of Information Sciences  
Board of Visitors  
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Dear Al:

Thank you for your comprehensive report of last October's meeting of the School of Information Sciences Board of Visitors. It is evident both from the general report as well as the appended breakout session reports that the members were, as usual, fully and actively engaged and committed to assisting the School in attaining the University's high aspirations. Since the meeting, the School's faculty and administration have been seriously considering the Board recommendations with regard to the Telecommunications and Networking Program as well as the areas in which strategic opportunities exist for the iSchools. In fact, and as the report itself notes, the change in the leadership of the Telecom Program and its attendant re-positioning shortly after the Board meeting, away from the masters level and toward the School's undergraduate majors, was influenced by that discussion. Similarly, the lively discussion with regard to various fund-raising opportunities and possible initiatives the School might undertake has been under active consideration since the meeting.

I very much appreciate the efforts and service you and your colleagues are providing on behalf of our School of Information Sciences, and Dean Larsen and I look forward to again receiving your collective advice at its forthcoming meeting on October 15 and 16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JVM", written over a horizontal line.

James V. Maher

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cc: Members of the SIS Board of Visitors  
Dean Ronald Larsen  
Dr. B. Jean Ferketish