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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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**ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

**Subject:** Transfer of the Center for Information Technology Integration from the Provost's Office to the School of Information

Background and Summary

Effective July 1, 2005, it is intended that the Center for Information Technology Integration (CITI) will be transferred organizationally from the Provost's Office to the School of Information (SI), with all of CITI's operations and financing falling under the authority of the SI dean's office in the same manner with which other SI research units are operated. This transfer is a partnership supported by the provost, the dean, the faculty and staff of CITI, and the faculty of the School of Information as there are clear and intriguing affinities between the work being done at CITI and that taking place within SI.

CITI was established in January 1986 by the Regents to bring together individuals from computer science, various disciplines, administration, and strategic partners from the information technology industry to allow the University to capitalize on a variety of products from a large number of vendors and to integrate their capabilities for use in a number of ways. CITI originally helped develop the integrative components of the University's information technology environment and now focuses on specific research projects that advance the University of Michigan's leadership in the technology field.

The nature of the projects that CITI is currently undertaking is akin to that of a research and public service unit like the Colloboratory for Research on Electronic Work, which is operated wholly within SI. Due to the nature of CITI's work, we believe it is in the best interest of all parties for CITI to be operated by SI rather than under the supervision of the Provost's Office.

Respectfully submitted,



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