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Jack,

I am delighted to endorse the proposed Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Computational Science that you and your colleagues have developed for submission to the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council. Given the burgeoning importance of computational science to numerous science disciplines and the strength that the University enjoys in this interdisciplinary area, it is vital that we mount this program. The University's programs in materials science and engineering, computational biology, neutron sciences, and numerous other key disciplines will make excellent use of this Graduate Minor.

I have reviewed the nature of the program, the procedures through which the minor will be offered, and the quality of the faculty engaged in the minor, and am enthusiastic about its quality and its ability to enhance the training of our graduate students. I want to commend you and your colleagues for developing this innovative and important initiative and offer it my full support.

Loren Crabtree
Chancellor