Fall Faculty Meeting

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UMIACS

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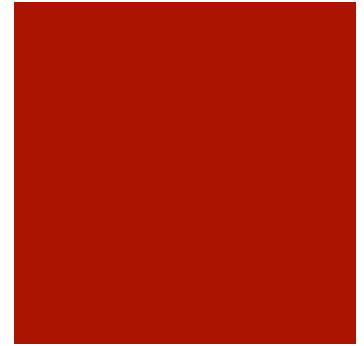# Updates: CMNS Dean Search

- Advertisement is being placed
  - CRA, CACM, others?

- Need pro-active assistance in soliciting nominations:
  - Distinguished scholar
  - Demonstrated leadership
  - Broad interests (CMNS-wide)
  - Administrative experience
  - Interested in moving

Updates: NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program

- Acquisition or Development of a Single Instrument

- Physical or **Virtual**

- Budget: $100K to $4 Million (150 awards estimated)

- Three Proposals per Campus

- Deadlines:
  - NSF: Jan 27, 2011
  - Campus: Dec 1, 2010
  - **Dean: Nov 19, 2010 (initial request)** [Campus Match Required: 30%]

- Recent Success:
  - Data-Scope: A Multi-Petabyte Generic Data Analysis Environment for Science (PI: Alex Szalay, JHU, Oct 1, 2010, $2M)
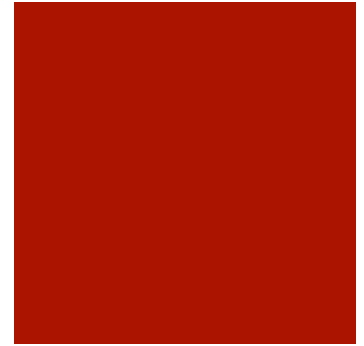
UMIACS Seed Funding Grants FY 2011

- Goal: Initiate new collaborations and research directions that lead to significant proposals for external funding

- Team: 2 faculty from UMIACS, 1 from CMNS (but outside UMIACS)

- Budget: $50K (4 awards estimated) with no overhead

- Timeline:
  - Submission: Dec 3, 2010
  - Evaluation: early Jan 2011

Merit Plan Vote

- Provost has asked each unit to put in writing how we award merit raises

- Discussion

- Vote by secret ballot of tenured/tenure-track faculty

UMIACS Retreat Plans

- New Directions for Research

- Outreach and Publicity

- Industrial Collaborations

- Encouraging/fostering collaborations

- What makes large proposals successful

- Leveraging proximity to DC?

Other Updates

- Network/Malware Issues
  - Please reset your passwords by Monday

- Online Presence
  - In the process of establishing workflow for banners
  - Hardware/Software Acquisition

- Pizza Parties
  - UMIACS will pay for one pizza party per research group

- 20-min **Terp*Talks***
  - Bill Arbaugh