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**Subject:** White Paper Progress Report – Department of Computer Science

**Introduction**

Computer Science at CU Boulder is a rigorous and time-consuming degree. We are tasked with exploring a new way of thinking while learning a plethora of new languages and techniques. The department of Computer Science has yet to find these students a permeant “home”. As a student in this degree, our classes are scattered across the campus in old buildings and crammed classrooms. We have a very outdated common area, known as CSEL. The Leeds-Engineering construction has stripped this room from us, pushing us to a different department wing. The University has failed to provide us with continuity in our classes, locations, and adequate places to collaborate with fellow students.

**Completed Work**

I have about 500 words written so far. This is a bit less than I would like, but I have plans (see next section) to have rough draft complete by 4/21.

* I have written the problem portion of my paper. I have identified many problems: classes located campus wide, crammed classrooms, no common space, along with others. I believed to have located the underlying problem: a department packed way too full of students. CU offers a BA and a BS degree, and we take 90% of the same classes.
* I have and have found CU has found their solution: combine the BA and BS degrees. I have zero clue what this entails, as the email the university sent to us was very bland in details. Therefore, I have emailed 3 people regarding this, and am currently awaiting their responses.
* I have also performed secondary research: using the internet to see if people outside the admin have information.

**In Progress**

* Continued research about the topic.
* More emails to department heads and professors. I have been redirected to other faculty as I get some emails sent back to me.

**Not yet Started**

I have included this section as a result of our analysis on the Progress Report Example. I believe a distinction between ‘In Progress’ and ‘Not yet Started’ will better direct my attention and help me outline the parts I need to spend time on.

* *(Thursday, by classtime)* I need to figure out a good structure for my draft. I have paragraphs written, but I don’t yet have an idea how to place them on the paper, as well as how to connect them with each other. I believe more research will result in more topics to be written. The more I have written will better help me understand the best way to structure my white paper.
* (*Friday, 17 of April)* My opinion on the solution the CS Department provides me with. I will analyze and should be able to report from a students point of view if their solutions could benefit our problems.
* (*Monday, 20 of April)* A solution of my own. I am sure CU’s solution will not help every problem I have listed. I will provide a solution of my own.
* (*Tuesday, 21 of April)* A full, 2000+ word rough draft, that is organized beautifully and is very through. I aim to have everything done so I can receive the best feedback possible.

**Conclusion**

While I do not have much actually written, I do believe I am headed in a very good direction. I have a great idea of what I need to accomplish in this paper, and I believe the research I do will provide me with outstanding data and evidence to prove the problems are not just mine, but a campus wide problem, that many students and faculty alike have to deal with.