Abstract:
The School of Computing has seen many recent successes – growth in both the undergraduate and graduate programs, recruitment of new faculty with excellent credentials, national leadership in diversity of both graduate students and faculty, and strong upward trends in research funding. Continued progress on the path to achieving the School's mission of excellence will require strategic planning, sustained effort, and substantial resources. One key role of the director will be to advocate for the School in pursuit of these resources both with university administration and through development activities. However, the recent economic climate has constrained the availability of such resources. Support for the investment needed for continued progress will rely, in large part, on the extent to which the goals and plans of the School of Computing align with those of the college, the university, and the state of South Carolina. Thus, another function of the new director will be to work with the faculty and staff to tune and refine their vision in a way that generates the needed support. In this presentation I will discuss approaches to fulfilling these roles.

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