OCI
Education Committees Computer Science

The Bachelor Opleidingscommissie Informatica (BOCI) together with the Master Opleidingscommissie Computer Science (MOCI) are the two official committees within the Faculty of Science of Leiden University. Their major concern is the education provided by LIACS, the Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science.

LIACS offers a bachelor in Computer Science (including a bachelor in Computer Science and Economy, based in The Hague), and master programs in Computer Science (including Bioinformatics), Media Technology and ICT in Business. The BOCI and the MOCI are co-responsible for all these tracks.

The major task of these two educational committees is to monitor the educational activities within LIACS, thereby helping to improve these. To this end, the committee advises the Director of Education, and it even has a formal basis when doing so: the law says that advices from the committee must be taken seriously.

The committee has regular meetings, about eight a year. A meeting usually takes 1 to 1.5 hours. The language of choice is Dutch, but occasionally English is used. In particular, if a question or remark from one of the participants is in English, the discussion concerning this issue will be in English too. This also holds for discussions concerning activities that use the English language.

The members of the committee are:

- three staff members for the BOCI and three staff members for the MOCI;
- four bachelor students Computer Science for the BOCI, preferably one from each study year of the bachelor Computer Science and one for the bachelor Informatica & Economie;
- three master students for the MOCI, preferably one from Computer Science, one from Media Technology and one from ICT in Business.

Meetings are also attended by a representative from the student organisation “De Leidsche Flesch”, and a formal assistant who writes minutes.

To get an impression of the activities of the committee, some recent issues are mentioned below:

- Discussion of courses based on questionnaires. At the end of each course all students fill in an enquiry form; the lecturer gets the results for his/her own course in anonymous form, and the BOCI and MOCI receive the results for all bachelor and master courses, respectively. If necessary, the committees can intervene. There are also oral evaluations at the end of each semester of the bachelor.

- Restructuring of LIACS’ buildings.
- Problems with the information system for students, and computers in general.

Websites:
  OCI: www.liacs.nl/edu/opleidingscommissie/ and: www.liacs.nl/~oci/
  LIACS: www.liacs.nl


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