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MEETING PLANNING REMINDER

When planning meetings, remember that some people are working remotely and some may be working on campus. Be sure to always include a Zoom option to allow for meeting attendance by all.

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— [Congratulations to Manuela Veloso](#), the Herbert A. Simon University Professor, Emeritus, former head of the Machine Learning Department and head of [J.P. Morgan AI Research](#), who was named recently to the list of most influential women in engineering by Academic Influence. The [list of women](#) includes astronauts, founders and CEOs of well-known technology and Fortune 500 companies, a Nobel laureate, and researchers from around the world. [Forbes reported](#) that Manula ranked among the top 10 of the 35 women on this new list.

— Lee Weiss, professor emeritus and a founding member of the Robotics Institute, died two weeks ago at the age of 70. For those of you, like me, who had the privilege of working with Lee, you know he was a brilliant scientist while also serving as a wonderful mentor to many of us. [I honor Lee](#) and all of his contributions to and accomplishments on behalf of SCS and the Robotics Institute.

— Deepak Pathak, assistant professor in the Robotics Institute, and Zipeng Fu, a master's student in the Machine Learning Department — along with two researchers at [Berkeley AI Research](#) (BAIR) — taught a robot to [learn to walk](#). Rapid Motor Adaptation (RMA) is an algorithm jointly developed to [enable legged robots to adapt intelligently](#) in real time to changing conditions.

— Matt Travers and Howie Choset, co-directors of the Biorobotics Lab, and their team are [working with Apple to develop new ways to disassemble old technology](#), building on Apple's existing recycling innovations.

Until next week,

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REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share.

Connect with a representative leader from [SCS Council](#) if you'd like to submit a topic for Council to consider.

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