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**REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN MATHEMATICS – APPLIED TO**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN MATHEMATICS – COMPUTER SCIENCE EMPHASIS**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts Program in Mathematics – Applied to the Bachelor of Arts Program in Mathematics – Computer Science Emphasis.

**Executive Summary:** The current program name has resulted in limited enrollment because the number of career opportunities for graduates is small. The proposed name reflects the additional training in computer science and represents a program major with a clear career path. The proposed name is expected to attract a larger number of students to the program. There have been no objections to the proposed name change. This request has been reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This report addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan objective (1.1) to “offer high-quality programs through ongoing program improvement for undergraduate, graduate, professional, and non-degree students and special school students.”

**Background:**

- ◇ **Description of program.** The current program requires a minimum of 120 total hours. The resulting program with the proposed name change will also require a minimum of 120 total hours.
- ◇ **Reasons for proposed name change.** There is insufficient interest from potential students in the current program because there are limited career opportunities for graduates. However, students taking most of the same courses but with additional training in computer science will find increased career opportunities in business and industry.
- ◇ **Credit hour changes.** The proposed name change will result in 17 additional credit hours for students – 11 additional credit hours of computer science; three additional credit hours of mathematics; and three additional credit hours of a Capstone course. Some courses may apply in more than one category.
- ◇ **Current students.** Students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Program in Mathematics – Applied will have the opportunity to graduate from that program or to graduate from the Bachelor of Arts Program in Mathematics – Computer Science Emphasis.
- ◇ **New resources.** No new resources will be required as a result of the proposed name change.
- ◇ **Date of implementation.** If approved by the Board, the proposed name change will become effective immediately, but it will not affect currently enrolled students.