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REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

PART I – MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN TWO LANGUAGES – FRENCH/GERMAN, SPANISH/FRENCH, GERMAN/SPANISH

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Master of Arts Program in Two Languages – French/German, Spanish/French, German/Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is due to limited interest in the Program as evidenced by the fact that, in the past five years, there have been only six students enrolled in the Program. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of program.** This graduate program requires a minimum of 34 semester hours and a minimum of 13-16 semester hours in each of the target languages, depending on whether the student chooses the thesis or non-thesis option.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** The department does not anticipate any cost savings because students enrolled in this program are taking classes offered as part of existing major sequences at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. There are no stand-alone courses required for this program. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed termination.** There are no students currently enrolled in this program. Only six students completed the program during the past five years.
- ◇ **Alternative programming.** Students interested in foreign language majors will have the option to enroll in single language programs at UNI.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** Since there are no students currently enrolled in this program, a transition period will not be needed.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART II - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in European Studies.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program during the past six years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. This interdisciplinary program is offered jointly by the Colleges of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Humanities and Fine Arts, and is under the jurisdiction of the Departments of History and Modern Languages. This major may be elected only as a second major in history or a major in a foreign language (French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian) or Russian and East European Studies.
- ◇ Cost savings. No direct cost savings are expected because there were no faculty hired specifically for this interdisciplinary program. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. The university’s academic program assessment recommended that this program be terminated. There has been limited demand for the program as evidenced by the fact that only eight students have enrolled in the program during the past six years.
- ◇ Alternative programming. This program is not available elsewhere in the state. The University of Iowa offers an International Studies program. UNI students interested in this area will be advised about other program options at UNI.
- ◇ Effect on current students. Since there are no students currently enrolled in this program, a transition period will not be needed.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART III - COMBINED BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the combined Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science Program in Environmental Science/Technology and Health.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program as evidenced by the lack of applications and enrollment in the program during the past ten years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of program.** This interdisciplinary program offered by the Graduate College provides academic and research opportunities for students seeking terminal master's degrees. The curriculum emphasizes environmental related coursework in a number of disciplines, such as biology, chemistry and biochemistry, and geology, as well as additional courses selected from different disciplines to assure a high level of competence in the student's area of major interest. Students may enter this program at the end of their junior year under the B.A./M.S. or B.S./M.S. programs offered in biology, chemistry, geology, or physics.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** No direct cost savings are expected because the individual undergraduate and graduate programs will be continued. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed termination.** There has been no demand for the program during the past ten years.
- ◇ **Alternative programming.** There are no other schools in the state that offer this program. UNI students will continue to have the option to complete a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science program in biology, chemistry, earth science, geology or a related field and undertake a Master of Science Program in Environmental Science.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** Since there are no students currently enrolled in this program, a transition period will not be needed.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART IV - MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN ART EDUCATION WITH CERTIFICATION FOR LICENSURE OPTION

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Master of Arts Program in Art Education with Certification for Licensure Option in the Department of Art.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the recommendation of the Academic Program Assessment Task Force as well as low enrollment in the program. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. This graduate program is designed for students electing to pursue teaching certification for licensure to teach art in grades K-12. Students need to complete the College of Education Professional Sequence required for certification as well as the graduate coursework in Art Education.
- ◇ Cost savings. The department does not anticipate any cost savings because the courses will continue to be offered as part of other programs. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. Students without prior undergraduate experience in education are not prepared to do coursework in that area at the graduate level. Only two students have completed this program since the program was implemented.
- ◇ Alternative programming. Students will have the option to complete the Master of Arts Program in Art Education.
- ◇ Effect on current students. Since there are no students currently enrolled in this program, a transition period will not be needed.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART V - COMBINED FIVE-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION/BUSINESS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the combined five-year Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration Program in Philosophy/Religion/Business.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program as evidenced by the lack of applications and enrollment during the past five years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of program.** The College of Business Administration and the Department of Philosophy and World Religions jointly offer a five-year program in two combinations leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Business Administration degree. The two majors are Philosophy B.A./M.B.A. and Religion B.A./M.B.A. This five-year program is designed for students who want a solid foundation in the liberal arts and an education in business leadership.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** No cost savings are expected because the individual programs will be continued. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed termination.** There has been no demand for the program during the past five years.
- ◇ **Alternative programming.** There are no other schools in the state that offer this program. UNI students interested in this area will be advised into other comparable options at UNI.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** Since there are no students currently enrolled in this program, a transition period will not be needed.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART VI - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN CHEMISTRY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL EMPHASIS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Science Program in Chemistry with Environmental Emphasis in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program. In the past five years, there was only one student enrolled in the program. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. The Environmental emphasis prepares students in the area of environmental chemistry. The degree is appropriate for students planning to undertake graduate work in multidisciplinary fields, including environmental science.
- ◇ Cost savings. Some cost savings are anticipated because one faculty member has taught a course in the program every other year. The department will reallocate the faculty member's work load to meet the needs of a growing number of science majors. The number of majors in chemistry and biochemistry grew by 20% during the past year. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. Only one student has enrolled in the program during the past five years. The department has received no new applications.
- ◇ Alternative programming. There are no other schools in the state that offer this program. UNI undergraduates with an interest in environmental chemistry can pursue the University's Bachelor of Science Program in chemistry. Graduate programs in environmental chemistry are widely available in Iowa and across the country.
- ◇ Effect on current students. The student enrolled in this program graduated in December 2009. Since there are no students currently enrolled in this program, a transition period will not be needed
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART VII - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE – TEACHING

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Political Science - Teaching.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program as evidenced by the lack of applications and enrollment during the past five years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of program.** The Political Science-Teaching major requires a minimum of 129-135 total hours to graduate (depending on the minor chosen). This total includes Liberal Arts Core requirements, the Professional Education Requirements, and specific major requirements to complete the minimum of 129-135 hours.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** No direct cost savings are expected because political science courses will still be taught. Minor administrative savings may be realized because the major will no longer have to be maintained. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed termination.** The University’s academic program assessment recommended that this program be terminated. There has been limited demand for the program as evidenced by the fact that only 36 students have enrolled in the program during the past six years. There have been no graduates from this program in the recent past.
- ◇ **Alternative programming.** There are no other schools in the state that offer this program. UNI students interested in teaching political science will have the option to enroll in UNI’s social science teaching program which provides greater depth and makes graduates more employable in the high school setting.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** Current students in this program will be able to enroll in the required courses for degree completion.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog. However, the department will continue to offer the courses necessary for currently enrolled students to complete their program.

PART VIII - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN ANTHROPOLOGY - TEACHING

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Anthropology - Teaching.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program as evidenced by the low enrollment during the past five years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. The Anthropology major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. The total includes Liberal Arts Core requirements and specific major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.
- ◇ Cost savings. No direct cost savings are expected because anthropology courses will still be taught. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. The University's academic program assessment recommended that this program be terminated. There has been limited demand for the program as evidenced by the fact that only three students have enrolled in the program during the past five years. There have been no graduates from this program in the past five years. Career prospects in this field are not favorable at the present time.
- ◇ Alternative programming. Cornell College offers a bachelor's degree in Anthropology - Teaching. UNI students interested in this field will be advised into other comparable program options at UNI.
- ◇ Effect on current students. There are two students currently enrolled in this program. Necessary courses will be offered until all enrolled students have completed their program.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART IX - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in American Studies.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program during the past five years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of program.** This is an interdisciplinary program offered jointly by the Colleges of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Humanities and Fine Arts. It is under the jurisdiction of the Departments of History and English Language and Literature and the general supervision of the Committee on American Studies.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** No direct cost savings are expected because there were no faculty hired specifically for this interdisciplinary program. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed termination.** The University’s academic program assessment recommended that this program be terminated. There has been limited demand for the Program as evidenced by the fact that only nine students have enrolled in the program during the past six years.
- ◇ **Alternative programming.** The University of Iowa offers an American Studies Program. UNI students interested in this area will be advised into other comparable program options at UNI.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** Current students in this program will be able to enroll in the required courses for degree completion.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog. However, the department will continue to offer the courses necessary for currently enrolled students to complete their program.

PART X - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN ASIAN STUDIES

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Asian Studies.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program during the past five years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. This program provides preparation in Asian languages and understanding of Asian societies and cultures. Undergraduate work in this interdisciplinary program provides a breadth of knowledge and interest required of Americans as contributing participants in the world community.
- ◇ Cost savings. No direct cost savings are expected because there were no faculty hired specifically for this interdisciplinary program. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. The University’s academic program assessment recommended that this program be terminated. There has been limited demand for the program as evidenced by the fact that only 14 students have enrolled in the program during the past six years.
- ◇ Alternative programming. The University of Iowa offers an International Studies program. UNI students interested in this area will be advised into other comparable program options at UNI.
- ◇ Effect on current students. Current students in this program will be able to enroll in the required courses for degree completion.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog. However, the department will continue to offer the courses necessary for currently enrolled students to complete their program.

PART XI - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN AIR QUALITY

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Science Program in Air Quality.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program since its inception in 2006. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. This program prepares students for careers in governmental regulation of air quality, industrial compliance with the Clean Air Act, and private consulting.
- ◇ Cost savings. No direct cost savings are expected because there were no faculty hired specifically for this program. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. When the program was implemented in 2006, an enrollment of 15 students per year was anticipated by Year 5. However, that level of enrollment did not materialize. Only one student has enrolled in the program since it was implemented.
- ◇ Alternative programming. This is a unique program that is not offered elsewhere in the state or at peer institutions. UNI students interested in this area will be advised into other program options, such as Earth Science with a minor in Meteorology.
- ◇ Effect on current students. Currently, there is only one student enrolled in the program. Necessary courses will be offered until the enrolled student has completed the program.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART XII - MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN ART WITH STUDIO EMPHASIS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Master of Arts Program in Art with Studio Emphasis.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been declining interest in the Program during the past five years. Total enrollment in the program during the past five years has been 16 students. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of program.** Students may elect specialization in any of the following studio areas – ceramics, drawing, graphic design, jewelry/metals, photography, painting, printmaking, or sculpture. The program is flexible to allow maximum focus on a specific studio area and/or supportive studio work in several or combined areas.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** There are no anticipated cost savings resulting from the elimination of this program because the courses will continue to be offered as part of other programs. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed termination.** The termination of this program was recommended by the Academic Program Assessment Task Force and was endorsed by two outside evaluators during the Department of Art academic program review. The Master of Arts is not a necessary degree in the field of studio art. It is possible for students to enter terminal degree programs, such as the Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts, with only a Bachelor of Arts degree. The elimination of this program will allow the faculty to concentrate more time on the Master of Arts Program in Art Education which more closely fits the mission of the University.
- ◇ **Alternative programming.** Both the University of Iowa and Iowa State University offer a Master of Arts Program in Studio Art. UNI students interested in this area will be advised into other comparable program options at UNI.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** There are two students currently enrolled in the program. One will complete the program in May 2010 and the other will complete the program in December 2010. Necessary courses will be offered until all enrolled students have completed their program.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog.

PART XIII - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN GEOLOGY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EMPHASIS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Geology with Environmental Science Emphasis.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program as evidenced by the lack of applications and enrollment in the Program during the past five years. Current students will not be affected by the proposed termination. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. This program prepares students for an environmentally oriented geoscience career.
- ◇ Cost savings. No direct cost savings are expected. There are no courses specific to this program. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. There has been limited demand for the program as evidenced by the fact that only seven students have enrolled in the program during the past five years.
- ◇ Alternative programming. There are no other schools in the state that offer this program. The University of Iowa offers a Bachelor of Science Program in Environmental Science with a geosciences track. UNI students interested in this area will have the option to complete a Bachelor Arts or Bachelor of Science Program in geology or earth science. Graduates of those programs are currently obtaining employment in the broad field of environmental science or geoscience.
- ◇ Effect on current students. Current students in this program will be able to enroll in the required courses for degree completion.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog. However, the department will continue to offer the courses necessary for currently enrolled students to complete their program.

PART XIV - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN MATHEMATICS WITH COMPUTER SCIENCE EMPHASIS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Mathematics with Computer Science Emphasis.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that there has been limited interest in the Program during the past five years. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. This program requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes Liberal Arts Core requirements and specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.
- ◇ Cost savings. No direct cost savings are expected because mathematics courses will still be taught. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. The University’s academic program assessment recommended that this program be terminated due to limited demand.
- ◇ Alternative programming. This program is not available elsewhere in the state. UNI students interested in this area will be advised into other program options, such as the Computer Science Program.
- ◇ Effect on current students. Only one student is currently enrolled in this program. Necessary courses will be offered until the currently enrolled student has completed the program.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog. However, the department will continue to make the necessary courses available to the currently enrolled student.

PART XV - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION – TRAINING

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Technology Education - Training.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program is based on low enrollment during the past five years and the recommendation resulting from the academic program review. Current students will not be affected by the proposed termination. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of program.** The Technology Education Program offers two options to students. (1) The Teaching Option prepares students to teach Technology Education or Industrial Technology at the secondary level. Graduates of the program receive an Iowa teacher license in Industrial Technology. (2) The Training Option prepares students for human resource development positions in a business or industry focused on technology. Graduates of the program provide training and development for persons in the organization.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** No direct cost savings are expected because the Technology Education Program with a teaching option will continue to be offered. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed suspension.** The academic program review resulted in a recommendation to terminate the program. Of note is that there has been low enrollment during the past few years. This program has had an enrollment of only 21 students during the past five years.
- ◇ **Alternative programming.** There are no other schools in the state that offer this program. UNI students interested in this area will be advised into other comparable program options at UNI.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** This program draws on a variety of courses from Industrial Technology and other departments. Therefore, there will be sufficient course options available for currently enrolled students who wish to complete the program.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog. However, the department will continue to offer the courses necessary for currently enrolled students to complete their program.

PART XVI - BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Computer Information System (CIS) in the Department of Computer Science.

Executive Summary: The request to terminate the Program resulted from a university-wide academic program assessment recommendation. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to “pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. This program prepares students for a career in business information processing. It combines a Bachelor of Arts in computer science with a small core of business courses.
- ◇ Cost savings. Some cost savings may occur because fewer sections will be offered during each two-year planning period of courses usually taken by CIS majors. A reduction in faculty, staff, or facilities is not anticipated.
- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. The recommendation of the university-wide academic program assessment coupled with limited enrollment in the program resulted in the proposed termination. For many years, enrollment in this program was in the 15-20 student range. However, during the past five years, the number of majors dropped to 8-10.
- ◇ Alternative programming. The Department of Computer Science offers both a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts Program in Computer Science. UNI also offers a Bachelor of Arts Program in Management Information Systems. Students interested in this field will be advised about other comparable program options at UNI.
- ◇ Effect on current students. The department anticipates that the proposed termination will have no effect on admitted or enrolled students because almost all of the CIS courses are parts of other majors in the department and will be available to students to complete their degree requirements.
- ◇ Effective date of termination. If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of new admissions to the program will become effective immediately. This program will not be included in the 2010-2012 University Catalog. However, the department will continue to offer the courses necessary for currently enrolled students to complete their program.