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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (K-6) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Master of Arts Program in Science Education for Elementary Schools (K-6) in the College of Natural Sciences.

Executive Summary: The request to discontinue the program is based on lack of student enrollment. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. There are no objections to the program termination. This request is consistent with 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:

- ◇ Reason for proposed termination. Only six students have graduated from this program during the past 15 years.
- ◇ Program phase-out. A program phase-out will not be necessary because there are currently no students enrolled in the program. If the proposed termination is approved by the Board, it will become effective immediately.
- ◇ Reallocation of resources. All program resources will be re-allocated to other offerings in the College of Natural Sciences. No noticeable effect is expected on the Master of Arts Program in Science Education or on the curriculum and instruction courses.
- ◇ Alternative program. The Master of Arts Program in Science Education is a generic major which allows students to design their content and elective courses. This program is expected to absorb any elementary teacher who wants an emphasis in coursework pertinent to his/her teaching level.