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**REQUEST TO SUSPEND ADMISSIONS TO THE DOCTOR OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to suspend admissions to the Doctor of Industrial Technology program in the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa.

The Council of Provosts and Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

**Background:**

Description of program. The Doctor of Industrial Technology (DIT) program is a terminal degree to provide teaching pedagogy and leadership in an institution of higher education. The DIT program began in 1978. In fall 2012, the program's name changed to the Doctorate of Technology (DT) program. In spring 2015 it was changed back to the DIT program name.

Reason for proposed suspension. A short period of program suspension will allow for a deep program review, including curriculum review, staffing needs, exploring collaborative efforts with the School of Education Ed.D. program, evaluation of market need, and exploration of a marketing plan. The Department of Technology will also evaluate the option to move to fully online or blended online and face-to-face course offerings.

Five-year trend in enrollments and graduations.

	Applications	DT Enrollment	DIT Enrollment	Graduations
2017	7	4	7	4
2016	5	5	8	2
2015	10	5	7	0
2014	15	14	1	2
2013	9	15	2	6

Effect on current students. Students who are currently in the DIT program will be assisted. Those that have completed all coursework will continue with their research. Those that have coursework remaining (2 active students) will be able to explore course options from the School of Education Ed.D. program or other viable course substitutes on campus. One current student has already selected collaboration with the School of Education. The remaining student is working with an advisor to select courses or independent study opportunities.

Impact on resources. Due to low enrollment, it has not been feasible to offer all the courses. Course opportunities for 7000 level courses over the past six semesters have been on an overload basis or through an adjunct. Salary savings will result from these temporary cost reductions. There is no anticipated reduction in full-time faculty or staff, or facilities changes.

Impact on workforce. There will be minimal impact to the workforce in the state as recent enrollments have been low.

Alternative programs. There is no other DIT in the state of Iowa.

Timeline for suspension. A maximum of two years suspension provides time to fully evaluate and determine if the program should be terminated or reactivated.