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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested: Approve the request by Iowa State University to terminate the Master of Science in Landscape Architecture in the College of Design.

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

Background:

Description of program. The Department of Landscape Architecture currently has two master degree programs: a Masters in Landscape Architecture (MLA) and a Masters of Science in Landscape Architecture (MSLA). The MSLA is a post-professional degree primarily for students with prior degrees in the field who are interested in completing a research-based masters degree. It requires 36 hours of coursework and a thesis.

Reason for proposed termination. Enrollment and interest in the program has been low. Expected interest from international students is below expectations as these students appear to prefer a coursework-based degree rather than a research-based degree. There have also been few matriculations from local professionals interested in pursuing part-time or continuing graduate study while working in the Des Moines area. Changes in the economy may account for this, as interest in landscape architecture tends to be sensitive to the economy.

Five-year trend in enrollments and graduations.

	Total Enrollment	Graduations
Fall 2012	2	0
Fall 2013	0	0
Fall 2014	0	0
Fall 2015	0	0
Fall 2016	0	0

Effect on current students. There are currently no admitted students, nor are students being recruited for this program.

Impact on resources. There are no costs increases, decreases or allocation changes because this degree existed in combination with the MLA degree. Any students interested in an MSLA degree will be directed to the MLA degree.

Impact on workforce. The Department of Landscape Architecture offers an MLA degree, which is considered a terminal degree. Students who earn the MLA are eligible can fulfill the same workforce needs as those with an MSLA.

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

Effective date of termination. Upon decision by the Board of Regents.