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**REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TO DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the Department of Industrial Technology to the Department of Technology in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences.

Executive Summary: The proposed department name change will more accurately describe the academic disciplines in the department. This request has been reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan priority to provide “educational excellence and impact” and Goal #8 – “Iowa’s public universities and special schools shall be increasingly efficient and productive.”

Background:

- ◇ **Description of department.** The Department of Industrial Technology offers undergraduate and graduate programs in six areas – Construction Management, Electrical Engineering Technology, Manufacturing Technology, Graphic Technologies, Technology Education, and Technology Management.
- ◇ **Purpose of proposed name change.** The proposed department name change will align the department with national trends, including association name changes, such as National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) to Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE).
- ◇ **Comparable name at other institutions.** Peer institutions, including Appalachian State University, Ball State University, and the University of North Dakota, have a Department of Technology.
- ◇ **Effect on students.** The proposed department name change is expected to have a positive impact on prospective students as well as those who have already earned a degree from UNI because of the alignment of the new name with national trends.
- ◇ **Effect on resources.** Implementation of the proposed department name change will result in minimal costs. Name designations on campus and in departmental literature will be changed over time.
- ◇ **Anticipated impact on program configuration.** The proposed department name change will not have an effect on program configurations.
- ◇ **Date of implementation.** The proposed department name change will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents and will be implemented in July 2012.