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**REQUEST FOR PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY:  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION ASSURANCE**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by Iowa State University to change the name of the Master of Science in Information Assurance to Master of Science in Cyber Security.

**Recommendation:** The Council of Provosts and Board office support approval of this change.

**Reason for change:** The term information assurance was the common term used in 2000 to describe degrees in cyber security. While the term Information Assurance is still used in a broad sense, most degree programs have changed their names to Cyber Security or something similar. Also, ISU has just created an undergraduate degree in Cyber Security, and changing the Master of Science (MS) degree to Cyber Security will keep the naming structure consistent.

**Impact on Students:** This change will have no effect on currently enrolled students.

**Relationship to accreditation:** While MS programs in Engineering are not accredited, the program name is consistent with the new criteria for Cyber Security Engineering adopted by ABET (international engineering accreditor).

**Date of implementation:** January 2020.