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**REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:
FROM BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN ALL SCIENCE TEACHING TO BACHELOR OF
ARTS PROGRAM IN COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHING**

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts Program in All Science Teaching to the Bachelor of Arts Program in Comprehensive Secondary Science Teaching in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences.

Executive Summary: The proposed program name change will differentiate this program from other secondary science teaching programs at the university. 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 “ensure access to education and student success.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. The All Science Teaching major requires a minimum of 137 credit hours to graduate, including the Liberal Arts Core requirements, the Professional Education requirements, and the specified major requirements. The program typically cannot be completed in eight semesters because of the number of courses required for the major and course sequencing. This major is intended for students who wish to teach at the secondary level in all areas of science (biology, chemistry and biochemistry, earth science, and physics). It leads to an Iowa Department of Education endorsement in Basic Science (5-12), All Science (5-12), Biology (5-12), Chemistry (5-12), Earth Science (5-12), and Physics (5-12).
- ◇ Reason for proposed name change. The proposed name will avoid confusion with the State of Iowa All Science (9-12) teaching endorsement. The name change will be used by Science Education faculty in the Colleges of Education and Humanities, Arts and Sciences to clearly articulate the intent of the major to teach at the secondary level in all areas of science for recruitment and advising.
- ◇ Comparable name at other institutions. This program is unique in the state of Iowa. The proposed name change will be consistent with other secondary science teaching program because it will be clearly identified as a secondary science teaching program.
- ◇ Consistency with accreditation requirements. The proposed name change will not affect the endorsement requirements identified by the Iowa Department of Education.
- ◇ Effect on program configuration. The number of credit hours and the curricular requirements will remain the same.
- ◇ Effect on students. Students’ degree will more accurately reflect their academic preparation and qualifications to teach secondary science and will help them compete for teaching positions.

- ◇ Effect on resources. There are few if any anticipated costs resulting from changing the program name. Most of the recruitment and program description materials are in electronic form; therefore, the cost of these materials in print format is not anticipated.
- ◇ Proposed name consistent with College mission. The proposed name change is consistent with the mission of the University of Northern Iowa and the Colleges of Education and Humanities, Arts and Sciences. It articulates the collaborative, innovative, and transformative education provided to students to prepare them to be effective science teachers who will implement research-based pedagogies that will address the needs of their students.
- ◇ Workforce needs. The proposed name change clearly articulates to school administrators and science department heads from rural and urban schools that program graduates have an ability to teach all secondary science subjects.
- ◇ Date of implementation. The proposed program name change will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents and will be included in the University's General Catalog. The anticipated implementation date is Spring 2017.