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REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: FROM MASTER OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS FOR MIDDLE GRADES (4-8) TO MASTER OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE GRADES (K-8) IN THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND SCIENCE

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) to change the name of the Master of Arts in Mathematics for Middle Grades (4-8) to Master of Arts in Mathematics for Elementary and Middle Grades (K-8).

Background:

Description of program. The Mathematics for the Middle Grades master of arts program follows a professional development model that is set in the context of classroom practice. Program content, understandings and experiences are directly and explicitly linked to teaching. Students enroll in cohorts of practicing middle grades mathematics teachers.

Proposed name. Master of Arts in Mathematics for Elementary and Middle Grades (K-8)

Reason for proposed change. The name change was recommended in our external Academic Program Review. The recommendation focused on using and maximizing the particular expertise and talents of our mathematics education faculty in an effort to better meet the needs of our graduate students. These changes include new courses, minor content and name edits for existing courses, and a name change for the program.

Consistency with accreditation requirements. This change does not impact accreditation.

Effect on program configuration. These changes include new courses, minor content and name edits for existing courses, and a name change for the program, all recommended as part of the external review. The number of credit hours for this program will also drop from 32 to 30, better facilitating timely student graduation. Faculty appointments will not change.

Effect on students. Current students will not be impacted by the changes; our current cohort of students will complete their programs during the summer of 2019, with all necessary courses running through that time.

Effect on resources. No resources are needed other than eventual updating of program promotional materials.

Date of implementation. Summer 2019

Prior approvals. The Council of Provosts and Board Office reviewed this request and recommend approval.