REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Action Requested: Approve the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities in the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences (CHAS).

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

Background:

Description of program. The Bachelor of Arts program in Humanities is an interdisciplinary program designed for students who want to create a customized curriculum in the humanities and arts by drawing courses from different departments.

Reason for proposed termination. This program has not drawn sufficient student demand in recent years and enrollments have steadily declined since 2011.

Effect on current students. Currently there is only one major in the program who will graduate this May.

Impact on resources. This is an interdisciplinary major comprised of courses offered for other majors in multiple departments; therefore there is no direct cost increase or decrease. There are indirect savings through reductions in advising and reporting.

Impact on workforce. There will be no effect on the workforce in the state. Enrollment numbers indicate the major does not resonate with students.

Alternative programs. This is a very small program comprised of found and second majors; it does not directly recruit students to UNI. The termination of this program will not affect student population.

Effective date of termination. August 2019.