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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

**Action Requested:** Approve the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology in the College of Humanities, Arts & Sciences.

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

**Description of program.** The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Technology program is designed for non-traditional students who have obtained an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in a career and technical field. The BAS in Technology program focuses on industry — its organization, resources, processes and management technologies. Incorporating an applied approach to critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills, this program expands career opportunities by emphasizing the enhancement of management skills that build upon a strong technical background obtained from the community college.

The BAS in Technology is designed with flexible scheduling to meet the needs of working professionals and distance learners with classes being offered 100% online or as a hybrid of online and face-to-face. Course in the BAS in Technology include management, leadership, supervision courses in business communication, technological leadership, technological systems, and management.

**Reason for proposed termination.** The BAS in Technology Program has not drawn sufficient enrollments to maintain the program. The BAS in Tech is similar to the Technology Management BA program which is currently serving student needs. With very few students in the BAS concentrating recruiting efforts in one area is preferred.

**Effect on current students.** Sufficient course overlap exists between the BAS and the BA programs that students will be able to continue and enrollment in needed coursework until graduation. Students currently enrolled will also be offered the opportunity to move to the Bachelor of Arts in Technology Management program.

**Application, Enrollment and Completion Trends.** Students in this major are working professionals and traditionally take 1 or 2 courses a semester. A traditional 4 or 6 year graduation rate is not applicable here.

	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Completions</b>
2021	2	1
2020	8	5
2019	11	2
2018	16	0
2017	18	0

**Impact on resources.** All instruction and advising for the BAS Technology program are the same as in the Technology Management BA program. There will be little to no cost impacts on an instructional level. However, advising time will be reduced and confusion between the two programs will be eliminated.

**Impact on workforce.** There will likely be no impact on workforce as the Technology Management BA can serve that same population.

**Alternative programs.** There are no other similar programs in the state of Iowa. With marketing and promotion, UNI will hope to grow the Technology Management BA program. Additionally, UNI offers a Technology Management minor, or for non-degree seeking students a Technology Management Certificate option if professionals are looking for a short-term credential.

**Effective date of termination.** Upon approval by the Board of Regents.