

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Proposed Termination of Quality Management and Productivity Masters Program
Date: January 7, 2002

Recommended Action: Approve the University of Iowa's request to terminate the Quality Management and Productivity Masters Program.

Executive Summary: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requests permission to terminate the Masters degree in Quality Management and Productivity.

Rationale The Quality Management and Productivity (QMP) program is an interdisciplinary Masters program. Although it boasts proud achievements since its inception in the mid-1980s, the QMP program no longer has sufficient faculty interest or student applications to justify offering the courses needed. Several departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as the Colleges of Engineering and Business, were contacted in regard to assuming the leadership of the program; however, no unit felt it could provide sufficient faculty interest and support, critical to maintaining the program.

Status of Students Enrolled The Masters degree in Quality Management and Productivity will be closed to new admissions immediately. Students currently enrolled in the QMP program have completed the required coursework and will be given appropriate guidance to complete this degree.



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