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**Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee**

**PROPOSAL TITLE:** Change the name of the Information Systems/ Information Technology major to Information Systems

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** We propose to change the name of the Information Systems/ Information Technology (IS/IT) major to Information Systems. The requirements for the major will not change.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The current name for our undergraduate major, Information Systems/Information Technology (IS/IT major), causes confusion among potential students and recruiters. We find that it is necessary to resolve the name confusion every time we explain our current name to a potential student. Over the last two or three decades, the title of the same major has evolved from Computer Information Systems and Management Information Systems. These names have migrated to either Information Systems OR Information Management at most other business schools. No other business school uses the IS/IT nomenclature. Even the main journals in our area use the term Information Systems in the title (e.g., *Information Systems Research*, *Management Information Systems Quarterly*). The main professional association in the field is called Association of *Information Systems* (AIS – aisnet.org). The name change will also make it more

aligned with the student organization/ chapter that gives students with the major a much needed identity.

The new name was proposed by the faculty members teaching in the major and approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee as well as the Department Advisory Committee of the Department of Business Administration.

**BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:** *(Please respond to each of the following questions.)*

1) Resources

- a. How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

The department will cover the costs of changes in the marketing materials.

- b. How will the unit create capacity or surplus to appropriately resource this program? If applicable, what functions or programs will the unit no longer support to create capacity?

We do not anticipate substantial change in demand that would require additional course sections.

- c. Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources? If so, please provide a summary of the sources and an indication of the approved support.

No additional resources will be sought.

- d. Please provide a letter of acknowledgment from the college that outlines the financial arrangements for the proposed program.

College funds will not be needed.

2) Resource Implications

- a. Please address the impact on faculty resources including the changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.

This change will not require new courses or change in the number of sections.

- b. Please address the impact on course enrollment in other units and provide an explanation of discussions with representatives of those units. *(A letter of acknowledgment from units impacted should be included.)*

We do not anticipate a change in course enrollment in other units.

- c. Please address the impact on the University Library *(A letter of estimated impact from the University Librarian must be included for all new program proposals. If the impact is above and beyond normal library business*

*practices, describe provisions for how this will be resourced.)*

We do not anticipate an impact on the University Library.

- d. Please address the impact on technology and space (e.g. computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.)

We do not anticipate an impact on technology and space.

For new degree programs only:

*(The following questions are not applicable to this proposal).*

- 3) Briefly describe how this program will support the University's mission, focus, and/or current priorities. Include specific objectives and measurable outcomes that demonstrate the program's consistency with and centrality to that mission.
- 4) Please provide an analysis of the market demand for this degree program. What market indicators are driving this proposal? What type of employment outlook should these graduates expect? What resources will be provided to assist students with job placement?
- 5) If this is a proposed graduate program, please discuss the programs intended use of waivers. If the program is dependent on waivers, how will the unit compensate for lost tuition revenue?

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Fall 2017, or as soon as possible.

**STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:** *(All proposals must include either a new or revised version of the entry in the Programs of Study Catalog, if applicable. Entries will be published as approved by the Senate. Future changes in the statement for Programs of Study Catalog which reflect changes in the curriculum, must go through the normal review process at the appropriate levels.)*

This will not change the program of study catalog, except for the change in the name.

Therefore, Appendix A is not relevant to this request, since there is no curriculum change proposed at this point.



# Major in Information Systems

## For the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

The Information Systems Major provides students the skills necessary to understand and manage information, information technology development, systems analysis, e-business management and electronic commerce.

In addition to the Information Systems Major requirements, Business Administration students must also fulfill the University's General Education requirements and the College of Business Core Courses requirements (for more detail, refer to the [College of Business Undergraduate Section](#)).

Code	Title	Hours
<a href="#">BADM 350</a>	IT for Networked Organizations	3
<a href="#">BADM 352</a>	Database Design and Management	3
<a href="#">BADM 353</a>	Info Sys Analysis and Design (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 350</a> )	3
Select two of the following:		6
<a href="#">BADM 351</a>	E-Business Management (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 350</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 355</a>	Enterprise Software Management (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 350</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 453</a>	Decision Support Systems (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 350</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 458</a>	IT Governance (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 350</a> )	
Select four of the following:		12-14
<a href="#">BADM 311</a>	Individual Behavior in Orgs (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 310</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 312</a>	Org Design and Environment (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 310</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 322</a>	Marketing Research (Prerequisite: <a href="#">BADM 320</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 324</a>	Purchasing and Supply Mgmnt (Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent enrollment in <a href="#">BADM 320</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 374</a>	Management Decision Models (Prerequisite: <a href="#">ECON 203</a> )	
<a href="#">BADM 375</a>	Business Process Management	
<a href="#">BADM 377</a>	Project Management	
<a href="#">BADM 379</a>	Business Process Improvement	
<a href="#">BADM 380</a>	International Business	
<a href="#">BADM 445</a>	Small Business Consulting	
<a href="#">BADM 446</a>	Entrepreneurship Sm Bus Form	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>
Course List		

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To: Kristi Kuntz  
Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs  
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From: Mark Peecher 

Date: August 22, 2016

Re: Approval of Department of Business Administration Revisions

The College of Business requests approval of the following from the Department of Business Administration for two of their undergraduate majors:

Title change: Business Process Management major to Operations Management

Title change: Information Systems/ Information Technology (IS/IT) major to Information Systems

Attached also please find the requested changes in catalog copy. There are no changes to program content.

The proposal has been reviewed by the appropriate committees at the department and college levels and approval has been recommended. I also recommend approval.

If you have questions, please call 333-2747.

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Enclosures

Cc: Waqar Ahmed, Chair, College of Business, Educational Policy Committee  
Aric Rindfleisch, Department Head, Business Administration

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September 1, 2016

Bettina Francis, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Francis:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Business to rename the undergraduate major in Information Systems/Information Technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen  
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: M. Peecher  
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