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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-012-189

Discontinue Information Assurance Option in the MS in Business Administration

Academic Programs Committee

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Executive Committee
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Academic Senate

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Second Reading

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Master of Science in Business Administration (MSBA) program contains only one option: the Information Assurance option offered by the Computer Information Systems (CIS) department. Its current curriculum (effective Fall 2018) consists of 10 courses, 31 semester units in total. In referrals [AP-011-189](#) and [AP-012-189](#), the CIS department proposes to:

1. Discontinue the Information Assurance option in the MSBA ([AP-011-189](#) and [AP-012-189](#))
2. Change the name of MSBA to Master of Science (MS) in Information Security ([AP-011-189](#))
3. Change the CSU Degree Code of the program from 05011 to 07021, which corresponds to changing the CIP code (used by the US Department of Education) to 11.0103 ([AP-011-189](#))

These changes are proposed with the goals of maintaining currency, making the program more marketable, and increasing enrollment.

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DISCUSSION:

The rationale for items 1-3 of this combined proposal are discussed in the AP Committee's report on AP-011-189. This referral, item 1, is largely a "housekeeping" referral: The MSBA contains only a single option, and thus program structure should be streamlined into a single program without any structure below it, just the existing curriculum of the previous "Information Assurance" option. This streamlining should most sensibly be done in tandem with renaming the program, per the CIS department's requests. The rationale for approving the renaming, and answers to objections, is outlined in the report on AP-011-189.

RECOMMENDATION:

The AP committee recommends discontinuing the "Information Assurance Option" in the MSBA program, provided that referral AP-011-189 (renaming the MSBA) is also approved.