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PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
M.S. IN ENTERPRISE COMPUTING

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to discontinue the M.S. in Enterprise Computing Program in the Colleges of Engineering and Business.

Executive Summary: The request to discontinue the program is based on lack of student enrollment. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. There are no objections to the program termination. This request is consistent with the Board of Regents' strategy (4.1.1) to "pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services."

Background:

◆   When the program was proposed in December 2004, enterprise computing was described as an emerging field that would address the information gap between business and engineering and which would emphasize the engineering and systems aspects of large-scale enterprise-wide computing.

◆   The projected enrollment in the program was 10 students in the first year with a growth to 30 students by the fifth year. However, there have been no students enrolled in the program since it was implemented.

◆   The termination will be cost-neutral because no specific resources are dedicated to the program.

◆   A phase-out of the program will not be necessary because there are no students currently enrolled.

◆   There are no similar programs at either the University of Iowa or the University of Northern Iowa.

Details about the program termination are available in the Board Office.