

University Curriculum Committee

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TO: Lane Crothers, Chairperson, Academic Senate

FROM: Carlyn Morenus, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee

RE: Executive Summary of Proposals from School of Information Technology

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new sequence, Information Assurance and Security Sequence, to the B.A. in Information Systems Program.

The School of Information Technology provided a brief but reasonable rationale for adding the new sequence and one new course that will be required. "The importance of computer security and information assurance has grown dramatically over the past decade. While these topics are discussed in several courses within the ITK program, a more focused and specialized coverage is needed in today's environment. This program will provide that coverage at the undergraduate level."

The expected impact on existing campus programs is minimal. The sequence will provide the approximately 180 ITK Information Systems majors with a third choice for a sequence, causing some shifting from the other two sequences. No new faculty are needed to implement the new sequence.

The University Curriculum Committee supports adding the new Information Assurance and Security Sequence.