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**BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT CHANGE**

**July 1, 2015**

Institution: Iowa State University Current Title of Program/Department: Information Assurance Proposed Title of Program/Department: Cyber Security

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| Current Level: B |   | M |  X  | D |   | FP |   |
| Proposed Level: B |   | M |  X  | D |   | FP |   |

Name of College: Engineering Current CIP Discipline Specialty Title: Proposed CIP Discipline Specialty Title: Current CIP Discipline Specialty Number (six digits): Proposed CIP Discipline Specialty Number (six digits):

Degree Abbreviation (e.g., B.S., B.A., M.A.): M.Eng Approximate date to implement changes: Month Aug Year 2019 Contact person: (name, telephone, and e-mail) Doug Jacobson, 4-8307, dougj@iastate.edu

Please do not use acronyms without defining them.

1. Provide a brief description of the current department/program.

Iowa State University offers one of the largest and oldest information assurance degree programs in the country. The MS in IA degree was first offered in 2000, and the first four IA courses were offered in 1995. We have graduated over 300 MS/ME students since 2000 and have students from all over the country currently enrolled in our on-line graduate program.

The Masters of Engineering in Information Assurance is a coursework only version of the MS in Information Assurance already offered by the interdepartmental Information Assurance Program. Students graduating from the Masters of Engineering will help to fill the current and future needs for well-educated system security specialists in the government, private sector, and academia. This degree is primarily taken by on-line students who are currently working.

Work is offered for the degree Master of Engineering with a major in Information Assurance under the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. The program consists of 30 course credits.

1. Describe reasons (justification) for the proposed changes. Include information about the value of the changes to the department, program, discipline, college, and/or the university.

The term information assurance was the common term used in 2000 to describe degrees in cyber security. While the term Information Assurance is still used in a broad sense most degree programs have changed their names to Cyber Security or something similar. Also ISU has just created an undergraduate degree in Cyber Security, and changing the ME degree to Cyber Security will keep the naming structure consistent.

1. What will be the effect of the proposed change on current students?

None

1. If this is a program/department name change, describe the proposed name is consistent with the mission of the college and university.

Cyber security is the term used across campus to talk about the educational efforts. The name is also consistent with the newly approved BS degree in Cyber Security Engineering.

1. Will the proposed change be consistent with other programs at the university or other universities in the state? If this is a program/department name change, identify other institutions with the same or similar name.

No other program exist in Iowa

1. Is the proposed change consistent with association/accreditation requirements? Have accreditation requirements been addressed?

While MS programs in Engineering are not accredited, the program name is consistent with be new program criteria for Cyber Security Engineering adopted by ABET.

1. Describe program configuration changes that will result from the proposed program change, e.g., change in number of credit hours required, etc.

None

1. What costs will be incurred by the proposed program change? Identify new resources that will be needed in connection with the proposed program change, e.g., facilities, faculty, funds, etc. How will the proposed program change be administered? Provide a three-year analysis of costs resulting from the proposed program change.

None

1. Is this intended to be a temporary or permanent change? If temporary, for how long?

Permanent

1. What are the workforce needs in the state for the proposed program change? Be as specific as possible and include sources of data.

The term Cyber Security is a name commonly used by industry and is consistent with most job postings

1. Provide any other information that might be helpful to the Board of Regents in considering this request.

None

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