**Academic Planning Committee Requests**

**October 22, 2020**

**College of Engineering and Computer Science (COESC) and Lewis College of Business (LCOB)**

Type of Request: Non-curricular change- Change in college offering the Information Systems, MS degree. Request is to change the degree program from COESC to LCOB.

Starting Date: Spring 2021

Rationale: This change will increase sufficiency and save costs in providing a MS in Information Systems degree program. There will be concerted effort to increase enrollment and create energy with the college’s Management Information Systems undergraduate major, e.g. a 3 + 2 offering in the future. This change is in the best interests of each college, the university as a whole, for the following reasons: 1) The LCOB already has an undergraduate major in MIS. The major is part of the Dept. of Marketing, MIS, and Entrepreneurship which is one of the four departments of the college; 2) The LCOB has numerous faculty with expertise in information systems and related areas. Associate Dean Nancy Lankton actively publishes in the information systems field.

**Lewis College of Business (LCOB)**

Department/Program: MS Information Systems

Type of Request: Request for Graduate Addition

Starting Date: Spring 2021

Rationale: This change will increase sufficiency and save costs in providing a MS in Information Systems degree program. There will be concerted effort to increase enrollment and create energy with the college’s Management Information Systems undergraduate major, e.g. a 3 + 2 offering in the future. This change is in the best interests of each college, the university as a whole. The LCOB has numerous faculty with expertise in information systems and related areas. Some faculty teach information systems-related courses across the college and Associate Dean Nancy Lankton actively publishes in the information systems field.

**College of Engineering and Computer Science (COESC)**

Department: Civil Engineering

Type of Request: Accelerated Master’s Degree Program Proposal (BSCE and MSE)

Starting Date: Spring 2021

Rationale: Improved career prospects for graduating students and an expanded range of elective course options will arise from an AMD program linking the undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (BSCE) and the graduate Master of Science in Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering major (MSE). Increased enrollment in graduate courses is also anticipated. The AMD will allow BSCE students to take up to 4 graduate courses in lieu of existing undergraduate degree requirements.

**College of Engineering and Computer Science (COESC)**

Department: Civil Engineering

Type of Request: Accelerated Master’s Degree Program Proposal (BSE and MSE)

Starting Date: Spring 2021

Rationale: Improved career prospects for graduating students and an expanded range of elective course options will arise from an AMD program linking the undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Engineering, with Civil Engineering area of emphasis (BSE) and the graduate Master of Science in Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering major (MSE). Increased enrollment in graduate courses is also anticipated. The AMD will allow BSE students to take up to 4 graduate courses in lieu of existing undergraduate degree requirements.

**College of Pharmacy (COP)**

Department/Division: Pharmaceutical Sciences & Research

Degree Program: Master of Science/Master of Arts in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Type of Request: Non-Curricular Catalog Change

Starting Date: Spring 2021 (Email from Dr. Rorabaugh confirming starting date will be Spring 2021 as opposed to Fall 2020 as listed on the form)

Rationale: The application dates are being changed to April 1 (for fall matriculation) and Oct. 1 (for spring matriculation). The previous date July 1 was too late to accommodate international applicants who need to acquire visas and meet other immigration requirements. The additional deadline of Oct. 1 will enable students to matriculate in either the fall or spring semesters. Changes in the admissions process (2 recommendations rather than 3; GRE scores are now optional rather than admission requirements) are intended to minimize barriers to the application process. The change in the number of credit hours during spring year 1 semester corrects a typographical error.