

**Proposal to Discontinue M.S. in Business
Fall 2009**

1. Name of administrator, department or group originating the proposal. Include the name of contact person(s).

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2. Name of the program.

M.S. in Business

3. Name of the department(s) which administers the program.

College of Business

4. Rationale for discontinuation.

There has been very little demand for this program over the last 10 years, and it is anticipated that this trend will continue. Students wanting a professional graduate degree in business prefer the MBA. Students wanting to pursue a research degree in business may pursue the Ph.D. in Business and Technology.

5. Availability of similar programs at other Regent's institutions.

According to their websites, University of Iowa offers a MS in Business only for students who do not finish the Ph.D. program, and the University of Northern Iowa does not offer a M.S. in Business.

6. Enrollment data for current and previous four years.

Currently, there is one student enrolled. He has completed his coursework and is working on his thesis. He is expected to graduate in Fall 2009.

Number of graduates per year:

**2008: 1
2007: 0
2006: 0
2005: 1**

7. Information required by the Board of Regents:

- a) A survey of students currently enrolled in a program to determine the impact of the discontinuance on their academic plans. The survey should attempt to identify students who wish (i) to complete the program; (ii) to transfer to other programs at the same institution; and (iii) to leave the institution.

Not applicable. Current student has completed coursework. No students have been admitted for 2009-2010.

- b) On the basis of the data collected, a projection of faculty and staff needed to accommodate student needs in order to maintain program quality, and both a time frame for, and the costs of, program phase-out.

Program can be terminated immediately with zero cost incurred.

- c) A description of the amount of money, if any, that would become available for redirection under the institution's strategic plan as a result of the discontinuance of a program.

Negligible.

- d) A description of the impact the discontinuance will have on other programs offered by and the overall mission of the institution.

Elimination of this program will have no impact on other programs offered by the College of Business.

- e) A description of the impact on minorities and on women.

Elimination of this program will have no impact on minorities or women.

- f) A description of the potential faculty and staff reductions or reassignments that would result from the discontinuance.

There will be no faculty or staff reductions or reassignments if this program is eliminated.

- g) A description of how existing facilities and equipment freed by the discontinuance would be utilized.

Elimination of this program will not free up any existing facilities or equipment.