

**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE
THE MASTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS
DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the Master of Information Systems (MIS) was flagged by the State Council on Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) in 2009 as being below the minimum quantitative standards for enrollment or degrees awarded, in accordance with SCEV guidelines for program viability; and

WHEREAS, the Master of Information Systems (MIS) was initiated in 1980 to fill a void in the business information systems sector; and

WHEREAS, the Master of Information Technology (MIT), approved for initiation in Spring 2000, was targeted toward working professionals in the areas of electrical and computing engineering, computer science, and the business aspects of information technology; and

WHEREAS, the Master of Information Technology (MIT), offers similar educational objectives as the Master of Information Systems (MIS); and

WHEREAS, subsequent close examination of enrollment trends led to the conclusion that students were choosing to pursue the Master of Information Technology (MIT) and Master of Science (MS) program in Computer Science and Application (CSA); and

WHEREAS, the last term for awarding of the Master of Information Systems (MIS) was Second Summer 2010 and no students are currently enrolled in the major of Information Systems (INFS); and

WHEREAS, any returning students in the major of Information Systems will be accommodated in either the Master of Information Technology (MIT) or the MS in Computer Science and Application (CSA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Master of Information Systems (MIS) degree be discontinued effective Fall 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the discontinuance of the Master of Information Systems (MIS) degree be approved.

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