

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

Approved by the Regents

July 21, 2006

ACTION REQUEST

- SUBJECT:** A new degree program for the School of Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn
- ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of a new degree program, "Master of Science in Management Information Systems," to be offered by the School of Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn
- EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2007

The School of Management (SOM) at the University of Michigan-Dearborn proposes to establish a graduate program leading to a Master of Science degree in Management Information Systems. This program will offer students academically rigorous training in the key concepts and methods of management information systems. It will provide a more in-depth curriculum than is currently available to UM-Dearborn students through our existing undergraduate program in management information systems or the management information systems concentration in the MBA program. This program is intended to prepare students for careers in security, database administration, network administration, business analysis, project management and similar areas in organizations, as well as allowing those who are already working in the field through non-traditional career paths to gain formal training in the methodologies of management information systems and update their learning.

The program incorporates existing resources for a concentration in the University of Michigan-Dearborn's MBA program along with adding new courses for specialization within the management information systems field. It will draw upon the expertise of the many faculty members who do research and teach in this subject area. Following national trends, it is expected that many students will come from undergraduate degrees in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters who seek professional training to aid in career development. This will allow students to continue to study traditional university subjects while also gaining the training that will make the students more employable in today's information economy.

The Dean, the Executive Committee, and the governing faculty of the School of Management have approved the Master of Science in Management Information Systems. The Council of Deans, Graduate Board and provost and vice-chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Michigan-Dearborn have also extended their approval. The Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan approved it on June 1, 2006.

I am pleased to present this proposal for your approval.

Recommended by:



Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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