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Graduate minor in Information Systems for students outside the College of Business Administration

See attached proposal submitted by the Division of International Business and Technology Studies

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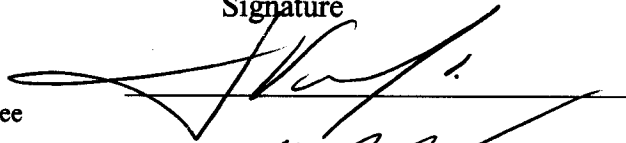
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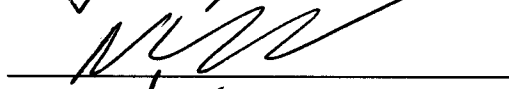
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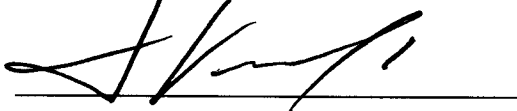Chair   2/6/07
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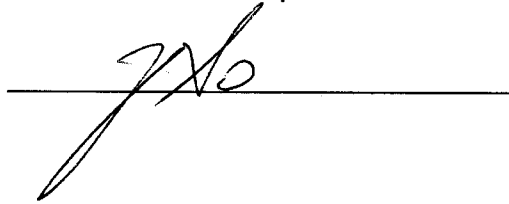College Curriculum Committee

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A proposal for a Graduate Minor in Information Systems for non-COBA majors

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This proposal for a Graduate Minor in Information Systems (IS) has been prepared for discussion and consideration by the Curriculum Committee of the Division of International Business and Technology Studies (DIBTS).

DIBTS is one of two academic divisions in the College of Business Administration (COBA), at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU).

If approved by DIBTS, it is expected that this proposal will be sent forward for approvals at the College and University levels. The appropriate forms and additional documentation necessary for those approvals will be added to the proposal by the DIBTS Curriculum Committee.

Why a graduate minor in IS?

Over the years, there has been steady interest from students outside COBA in a graduate minor degree in IS. This interest has been particularly from College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) students, possibly because of the following reasons:

- Information systems are widely used in many different fields of study offered by COAS, and that use in on the rise.

- In certain fields within COAS (e.g., criminal justice, sociology), a graduate minor in IS may enhance the chances of students obtaining employment upon graduation.

- Several of the graduate programs in COAS allow students to take three elective courses from other colleges, as long as the courses are from one single discipline (e.g., IS).

What is the proposed structure of the Graduate Minor in IS?

Students pursuing the Graduate Minor in IS must satisfactorily complete the pre-requisite MIS 5300 (Information Systems Concepts) or the equivalent undergraduate course - MIS 3310 (Management Information Systems). In some cases this pre-requisite may be waived.

They must then complete three courses chosen among the ones listed in the table below. All of the courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or higher to count toward the Graduate Minor in IS.

Course	Pre-requisite
MIS 5330 Advanced Programming	MIS 5300 and permission of instructor.
MIS 5340 Networks and Distributed Systems	MIS 5300.
MIS 5350 Information Systems Analysis	MIS 5300; and MIS 5330 or permission of instructor.
MIS 5360 Management of Information Systems	MIS 5300 or concurrent enrollment, or permission of instructor.
MIS 5370 Database Management and Design	MIS 5300, MIS 5330, 5350 or concurrent enrollment.
MIS 5380 Information Systems Design and Implementation	MIS 5350 or concurrent enrollment and permission of instructor.
MIS 5390 Project Design and Management	MIS 5300.
MIS 5399 Special Issues in Information Systems	MIS 5300.

What are some of the TAMIU programs that could use the Graduate Minor in IS?

Some of the TAMIU graduation programs whose majors could take advantage of the Graduate Minor in IS to make up their elective course requirements are:
- Master of Arts in English
- Master of Arts in History
- Master of Arts in Political Science
- Master of Arts in Sociology
- Master of Arts in Spanish
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Will COBA students be allowed to pursue the Graduate Minor in IS?

No. Only students majoring in disciples outside COBA will be allowed to pursue the Graduate Minor in IS.

COBA majors have the option of studying IS at the graduate level as part of the MS in Information Systems Program (MS-IS), or the MBA with a Concentration in IS.

Will the Graduate Minor in IS negatively affect COBA enrolments?

It is unlikely that the Graduate Minor in IS will negatively affect COBA enrolments. Students choose their college primarily based on major programs offered by each college, not based on minor programs.

Offering the Graduate Minor in IS will likely have the opposite effect. That is, it will positively affect COBA enrolments by bringing in new students to graduate IS courses that are already offered on a regular basis as part of other COBA graduate programs.

Do other universities offer graduate minors in IS?

Yes, some examples are:

University of Nebraska at Omaha (College of Information Science and Technology)
http://www.isqa.unomaha.edu/gdegreq.htm

Brigham Young University (Marriott School of Management)
http://isys.byu.edu/Programs&Degrees/isysMinor.cfm

University of Florida (Warrington College of Business Administration)
http://www.cba.ufl.edu/fsoa/myfsoa/minor/

Can the Graduate Minor in IS create problems for AACSB accreditation?

Not according to current AACSB rules, since 3 courses make up less than 50% of the coursework in the programs (outside COBA) that the Graduate Minor in IS would serve.

That is, COBA only reports to AACSB on programs where 50% or more of the coursework is completed at COBA. Another requirement is that the coursework be in traditional business subjects.

The following text has been provided by Frank Collins, AACSB Liaison for COBA, who extracted it from the current published AACSB rules:

"The accreditation process presumes the inclusion of all degree programs delivered by the institution that permit 25 percent or more of the teaching for undergraduate programs or 50 percent or more of teaching for graduate programs to be in traditional business subjects."

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Three semester hours

This course focuses on the writing of paragraphs, essays and other basic writing skills as determined by the instructor. Students completing course successfully will earn University credit but not credit toward graduation. Prerequisite: a minimum THEA 200 or equivalent score on COMPASS or ACCUPLACER.

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