

To: IPFW Senate

From: Judith Garrison, Chair Graduate Subcommittee

Date: December 14, 2009

Re: Request for Degree Name Change

- 1) Changing the name of “M.S. with a Major in Mathematics” to “M.S. in Mathematics”
- 2) Changing the name of “M.S. with a Major in Mathematics and Option in Applied Mathematics/Operations Research” to “M.S. in Applied Mathematics”

The Graduate Subcommittee supports the Request Degree Name Change and finds that the proposal requires no Senate review.

Graduate Subcommittee Vote

Approving

Not Approving

Absent

S. Ahrens  
S. Carr  
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TO: Carl Drummond, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
FROM: David Legg, Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences  
DATE: October 26, 2009  
SUBJECT: Name changes

On October 26, 2009, the Department of Mathematical Science approved the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the titles of the M.S. degrees in Mathematics be changed in the following manner:

- (1) For the “pure” degree, change from the current “M.S. with a Major in Mathematics” to “M.S. in Mathematics.”
- (2) For the “applied” degree, change from the current “M.S. with a Major in Mathematics and Option in Applied Mathematics/Operations Research” to “M.S. in Applied Mathematics.”

Rationale:

The graduate programs in mathematical sciences at other schools examined for program review had simpler degree titles, in fact nearly always the ones proposed above. The phrase “Major in Mathematics” is cumbersome and found to be confusing to prospective graduate students in the title of the department’s “pure” degree. The term “Operations Research” is not an accurate description of the department’s current applied degree.

Approved:

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Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

10/27/09  
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