

Item: **AS: A-2** 

# Tuesday, April 5, 2022

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF DEGREE TERMINATION - CIP 27.0301

#### PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval to terminate the following degree program – CIP 27.0301:

• Master of Science in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMST)

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The proposal requests to terminate the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMST) program. The department has proposed to merge the AMST program into the Master of Science in Mathematics program with five concentrations: pure mathematics, applied analysis, biostatistics, cryptology and information security, and financial mathematics.

Due to low enrollment and graduation, the AMST program is struggling to sustain its operation and faces consistent scrutiny from the State University System. The department will now have the four concentrations in applied analysis, biostatistics, cryptology and information security, and financial mathematics from the AMST program. The original MS in Mathematics would become a "pure mathematics" concentration in the merged program.

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Effective Fall 2022, pending approval by the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees. Current students will be notified of a teach-out plan and expected to finish by Fall 2023.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will not be an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, or allocation of resources. Prospective students interested in applied mathematics and statistics will be able to apply to the revised MS in Mathematics program.

**Supporting Documentation:** Degree Program Termination Form

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| FAU   | NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST       |   | UGPC Approval                |
|   | Graduate Programs                |   | UFS Approval                 |
| FLORIDA   |                                  |   | Banner                       |
| ATLANTIC  | Department Mathematical Sciences |   | Catalog                      |
| UNIVERSITY  | VERSITY College Science          |   |                              |
| Program Name  |                                  | New Program*  | Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) |
| Master of Science with Major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics  |                                  | Change Program*   | Fall 2022                    |
| Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.   |                                  |   |                              |
| This proposal requests to terminate the Master of Science with Major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMST) program since we have proposed to merge the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMST) program with the MS in Mathematics program with five concentrations: pure mathematics, applied analysis, biostatistics, cryptology and information security, and financial mathematics. Consequently the catalog entries for the MS in AMST program should be removed from the university catalog.  Rationale: Due to low enrollment and graduates, the AMST program is struggling to sustain its operation and faces constant scrutiny from State University System. It is very reasonable and feasible for us to merge the AMST program with MS in Mathematics with the specified five concentrations, which will give our graduate students including PhD students the flexibility of obtaining MS in various fields. We shall keep the four concentrations in applied analysis, biostatistics, cryptology and information security, and financial mathematics from the AMST program. The original MS in Mathematics would become "pure mathematics" concentration in the merged program. Thus the original MS in AMST program should be terminated.  Teach-out plan: There are 4 students (two full-time and two part-time) left in the AMST program. They are expected to finish within the next 2 years. The courses specified in the AMST program will still be offered as part of other graduate degree programs in the Department of Mathematical Sciences. |                                  |   |                              |
| *All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.  |                                  |   |                              |
| Faculty Contact/Email/Phone   |                                  | Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation |                              |
| Hongwei Long/ hlor  | ng@fau.edu / 561-297-0810        | the change(s) and attach  | documentation                |
| Approved by   |                                  |   | Date / /2                    |
| Department Chair  |                                  |   | 11/18/21                     |
| College Curriculum Chair Butte Digitally signed by Christopher Beetle Date: 2021.11.23.19:56:13-05:00!  |                                  |   |                              |
| College Dean Willia Brit Kalie  |                                  |   | 11/29/21                     |
| UGPC Chair  |                                  |   | Jan 4, 2022                  |
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