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**From** Robert Shockley <SHOCKLEY@fau.edu>  
**Date** Thu 2/19/2026 1:36 PM  
**To** Sabrina Sembiante <ssembiante@fau.edu>

No conflict with ELRM. RS

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Hi Bob,

Could I get your approval on the Joint B.S. degree in AI & Education? I am hoping to move this forward to UPC today or tomorrow. Thanks!

Warmly,

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No CSD conflict.

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**To** Sabrina Sembiante <ssembiante@fau.edu>

Hi,  
No conflict for special education.  
Cheers,  
Joe

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Hi. Counselor Education has no conflict with the proposal.

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