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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



RE: Program Closures: BA in Applied Mathematical Sciences, BS in Applied
Mathematical Sciences, and BS in Mathematics-Physics.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the closure of three majors in the Department of Mathematics: BA in Applied Mathematical Sciences, BS in Applied Mathematical Sciences, and BS in Mathematics-Physics.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences currently offers a total of eight undergraduate majors. These are to be consolidated, with the closure of three majors: Applied Mathematical Sciences (BA), Applied Mathematical Sciences (BS), and Mathematics-Physics (BS). The last term of admission for these majors will be fall 2025, allowing current applicants to matriculate into their major of choice.

These closures relate to a consolidation within the Department of Mathematics. Overall the mathematics major will be strengthened by building a stronger common foundation for all students. The consolidation will also bring the program more in-line with math departments at peer and aspirant institutions. Tracks within the BA and BS in Mathematics will offer students the option to concentrate in Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, or Mathematics Teaching.

The Department of Mathematics will continue to offer majors in Mathematics-Statistics (BA or BS), Mathematics-Actuarial Science (BA or BS), and Mathematics-Actuarial Science-Finance (BA or BS). Although discontinued in the Department of Mathematics, a BS in Mathematics-Physics will continue to be offered through the Department of Physics.