

TO: Dallas G. Hoover, President
Faculty Senate

FROM: Jeff Gillespie, Chair
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RE: Permanent Status Program Review for the
Information Systems (INSY) major

I would like to lend my support to the granting of permanent status to the major in Information Systems in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences. This major was proposed at the same time as the Management Information Systems (MIS) major in the College of Business and Economics and the Department of Accounting and MIS. It was intended at the time that the two majors were very complementary. The Information Systems major was intended for the student who wants to learn more about the technical side of information systems, while the MIS major was intended for the student who wants to help bridge the gap between the technical systems people and the business side of the organization. In my mind, nothing has changed that would make these 2 majors any less complementary than they were 4 years ago. If you look at the course requirements in the INSY major, you will see that the students take both business and systems courses from the College of Business and Economics. If you look at the course requirements for the MIS major, you will see that the students take CISC 250, plus they are allowed to take other CISC courses as electives. I believe that the 2 majors co-exist well, and they should continue to do so. Both should achieve permanent status.