STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Termination Request for the Master of Science in Data Science, CIP

30.3001, by New College of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the termination of the Master of Science in Data Science, CIP 30.3001, by New College of Florida.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.012

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.012, Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments, grants University Boards of Trustees the authority to terminate programs at the master's level. However, New College of Florida's (NCF) ability to offer master's programs is contingent on approval from the Board of Governors. This stipulation was put in place on March 20, 2014, when the Board of Governors approved NCF's mission change. Therefore, terminations of master's level programs previously approved by the Board of Governors also need to be approved by the Board.

NCF is proposing termination of the Master of Science in Data Science, CIP 30.3001. The request for termination results from the institution's implementation of the newly approved Master of Science in Applied Data Science, CIP 11.0104. The NCF Board of Trustees approved the termination of the program on April 20, 2021. All students currently enrolled are expected to graduate by May 2022. However, if any current students who do not finish by May 2022 will be allowed to enroll in comparable courses in the new Applied Data Science program.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the program termination will be effective in summer 2021 with a phase-out term of fall 2022.