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INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

SESSION:		ACTION REQUESTED:	
Public	☒	**Decision**	☒
		Discussion/Direction	☐
		Information	☐

DATE: **22 January 2019**

FROM: **Curriculum and Program Review Committee**

SUBJECT: **Major Program Modification – Bachelor of Commerce in Technology Management**

COMMITTEE MANDATE:
The Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC) reviewed the proposed Major Program Modification in accordance with its mandate under Section III, Part 1 of the CPRC Terms of Reference and recommends approval of the Major Program Modification, as presented.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:
That Academic Council approve the Major Program Modification to the Bachelor of Commerce Major in Technology Management, as presented.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:
The Technology Management program is offered to both BComm and BIT students in FBIT as a direct answer to the needs of industry for holistic thinkers who are capable of understanding the way IT has to integrate into and support the business strategy whilst comprehending the strategy's inherent reliance on the correct deployment of IT. The proposed changes establish a more thorough 'core curriculum' of shared courses for both BIT and BComm students that allows both a view into these two vital aspects of business. Prior to this proposed change, there was a distinct difference in the way the two different offerings of the major were taught, with different courses and paths. While it is important to maintain a Commerce and IT focus, it is also necessary to acknowledge the need for integration of thought.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:
The Faculty has been approved for two new hires in the 2019-2020 timeframe. The hiring process is well underway for one of these (in MIS) in order to bolster our numbers in this area. There are no additional funding requirements. The majority of courses are

already being offered through BIT and BComm programs. There are three new courses that are also available as business electives for the rest of the commerce students.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:
CPRC: 21 December 2018
Faculty Council Approval: November 20th, 2018
UCC: November 13th, 2018

NEXT STEPS:
- Pending approval by Academic Council these changes will be reflected in the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Academic Calendar
- The expected implementation date is the fall semester of 2019
- Students who began the program in Fall 2018 will take BUSI 1010U in place of the general elective currently scheduled in the third year, Fall term of their program map.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:
- Major Program Modification Proposal
- New Course Proposals: BUSI 2500U, BUSI 4040U, BUSI4504U
- Course Change Proposals: BUSI 3040U, BUSI 4570U, BUSI 4590U
- Appendix D – Program Faculty List