

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in an Existing Title of an Academic Administrative Title

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Information

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Dean for Academic Programs, School of Information

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

The School of Information wishes to recommend a change in an existing academic administrative title from associate dean for academic affairs to associate dean for academic programs, School of Information, effective July 1, 2011.

The School of Information continues to grow and develop innovative programs. Our student body has increased by 72% over the last 10 years. In addition, we have, together with the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and the College of Engineering, started a new undergraduate concentration (informatics). Given the growing size and complexity of our academic programs, the size and complexity of the workload expected of the associate dean for academic affairs has significantly increased. We will be able to better serve our students by changing this administrative position to a more narrowly focused appointment specifically in charge of academic programs; the current position title also encompasses many responsibilities for faculty life.

The associate dean for academic programs will have lead responsibility for student experience and the content and management of our academic programs (master's, doctoral, and our participation in the undergraduate Informatics program). This will include oversight over student recruiting, admissions, orientation, advising and student life, practical engagement and career placement; curriculum planning, teaching assignments and scheduling; degree and other academic program development; and program assessment.

This position will take leadership on special projects and be responsible for the academic programs budget. The associate dean for academic programs will coordinate with a new administrative position we are creating, senior associate dean for faculty, and will report to the dean. We therefore request the change in academic administrative title, effective July 1, 2011.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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