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Dr. Richard Leeman
Faculty President
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Dear Rich,

In accordance with the procedure concerning degree name changes, I am forwarding a request from the Health Informatics program to change the name of the MS in Health Informatics (current) to an MS in Health Informatics and Analytics (proposed).

The justification for the change is attached. According to the program, the proposal has already been reviewed and endorsed by the Graduate Council; in accordance with the procedure (<http://provost.uncc.edu/policies/degree-name-changes>) I ask that the name change be considered for faculty approval at the subsequent Faculty Executive Committee and Faculty Council meetings.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Attachment

cc: Michael E. Thompson, Director
Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant





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20 December 2017

Dr. Joan Lorden
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RE: Change in degree program name to Health Informatics and Analytics

Dear Provost Lorden

As Director of the Health Informatics program, part of the inter-college Data Science Initiative, I respectfully request to change the name of the professional science masters in Health Informatics degree program to **Health Informatics and Analytics**, effective for the 2018-2019 academic year.

This modest, but important, name change coincides with the substantive revision to the program's curriculum currently completing the faculty governance process. The curricular revision was guided by input from our program advisory board and developed by our inter-college (Health and Human Services and Computing and Informatics) program faculty committee that supports me in implementing the program. The proposed name change was part of the curriculog proposals implementing the revised curriculum. Those changes, including revision of the program name, were fully endorsed by both colleges' faculty and Deans, and the Graduate Council.

Guided by the mission to prepare domestic and international students to advance the professional practice of health informatics through a thorough grounding in data science, system architecture, and health analytics, the revised curriculum now ensures students obtain an articulated grounding in both data systems/architecture and health analytics. We have enriched the program with an experiential capstone course, moving the internship to a mid-program experience, and strengthened the delivery of privacy/security/ethics content.



This name change reflects our newly emphasized curricular balance and addresses a concern expressed by our Advisory Board members that the term Health Informatics, by itself, has limited recognition by those outside the profession. We believe that the addition of the term 'analytics' to the degree name increases interest among prospective students and provides greater clarity of our program's preparation to prospective employers.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

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