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REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to move the Department of Economics from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the Tippie College of Business.

The Council of Provosts and Board office support approval of this request.

Reason for proposed change. Currently, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the administrative home for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) in Economics while the Tippie College of Business (Tippie) is the curricular home. CLAS currently confers the degree and students follow the academic policies of CLAS. Faculty in Tippie's Department of Economics make decisions regarding all other course requirements specific to the major. Tippie, with the support of CLAS, is proposing to change the administrative home of the BA and BS in Economics from CLAS to Tippie's Department of Economics. This change will enhance the student experience through providing both administrative and curricular support from Tippie and the Department of Economics.

Effect on program configuration. As described above, this will simplify program configuration by placing all administrative and academic aspects in the same college. No program configuration changes, such as number of credit hours required or change in faculty appointments, are being made as part of this administrative structure change.

Effect on students. All current students in the BA and BS in Economics will be able to complete their degree based on the program of study to which they were admitted. Students will have the benefit of experiential learning and alumni connections that are unique to Tippie students.

Effect on accreditation. The BA and BS in Economics will be reviewed as part of Tippie's accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). All requirements for this proposed change have been addressed.

Effect on resources. Given that Tippie is already the curricular college for the BA and BS in Economics, no new facilities or faculty are required. One new academic advisor will be hired in Tippie's Undergraduate Program Office to advise students in this major.

Date of implementation. July 2025.