

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

UW Bothell Computing and Software Systems – Title Change for the Master of Science in Computing and Software SystemsRECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents grant authority to the Computing and Software Systems Program at the University of Washington, Bothell to change its master's degree title from the Master of Science in Computing and Software Systems (MSCSS) to the Master of Science in Computer Science and Software Engineering (MSCSSE), effective Summer Quarter, 2012.

BACKGROUND

In February, 2012, the faculty in Computing and Software Systems voted to change the name of the master's program to the Master of Science in Computer Science and Software Engineering. The Graduate School received the title change request in April, 2012.

The new degree title will more clearly match the existing master's program curriculum, thus benefiting student recruitment as well as communication with external constituents. The new title will also better serve program graduates as they interact with potential employers.

There will be no change to the program requirements, thus no impact on faculty or program resources. All incoming students beginning Summer Quarter, 2012, will receive the new degree title. Students currently in the program will be granted the new degree title, with the option of receiving the existing degree title by petition to Computing and Software Systems and the Graduate School.

The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, the UW Bothell Chancellor, and the Provost have reviewed and approved the recommendation.