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SUBJECT: Minor Change Notification Request

The University of Idaho is writing to notify the Idaho State Board of Education per Board Policy Section III.G.3.c.ii of the change(s) which we believe is minor.

- Mathematics BS – discontinue the “Applied Operations Research” option

The following information is being provided to ensure the minor, non-substantive change is in alignment with our institutional responsibilities and accreditation.

This option (Operations Research) has had very low enrollment and currently has no students enrolled. We no longer have faculty who are interested in keeping this option’s curriculum up to date, and we wish to put our energy instead into developing other aspects of the Mathematics BS (such as the Actuarial Science and Mathematical Biology options).

The change(s) will be made effective beginning summer 2015.

Planning:
The Operations Research option was created in the 1990s with the hope of attracting double-majors from the College of Business. While a few students have taken advantage of the option, enrollment has been low and is currently zero. We no longer have faculty with expertise and interest to keep the curriculum up to date and have shifted our focus to other applied options in the Mathematics BS.

Budget:
There will be no budgetary impact to this change. There are no courses that were specific to this degree option. It will allow greater focus in our advising and recruiting efforts, however.

Student Services:
There is no impact on current students as there are no students currently in this degree option.

Physical Facilities:
No change to physical facilities needs.

Library and Information Resources:
No change.