Memorandum

To: University Curriculum Committee

From: Jeanne Stevenson, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Re: Request to Identify Online Programs in the Catalog

Date: April 9, 2014

Background
The University of Idaho has degree and certificate programs that can be accessed fully online from a distance. At this time, we do not designate those programs in the Catalog. We anticipate additional programs accessible online in the future. This is a first step in formalizing the representation of these programs in the Catalog.

Request
This request is for approval to designate the following existing online degree and certificate programs as available online in the Catalog:

Education
- M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction
- M.Ed. Educational Leadership (Principal Endorsement)
- M.Ed. Physical Education and Activity Pedagogy
- M.Ed. Education (Special Education certification)
- M.S. Adult/Organizational Learning and Leadership
- Ed.S. Educational Leadership (Superintendent Endorsement)

Engineering
- Civil Engineering (M.Engr.)
- Computer Engineering (M.S., M.Engr.)
- Computer Science (M.S.)
- Electrical Engineering (M.S., M.Engr.)
- Engineering Management (M.Engr.)
- Geological Engineering (M.S.)
- Mechanical Engineering (M.Engr.)
- Technology Management (M.S.)
- Academic Certificates
  - Analog Integrated Circuit Design
  - Applied Geotechnics
  - Communication and Control for Power Transmission and Distribution
  - Electric Machines and Drives
  - Power System Protection and Relaying
  - Process & Performance Excellence
  - Secure and Dependable Computing Systems
  - Structural Engineering
Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences
  • MS Psychology (Human Factors)

Natural Resources
  • Master of Natural Resources
  • Academic Certificates
    o Restoration Ecology Certificate
    o Environmental Education Certificate
    o Fire Ecology, Management, and Technology Certificate

Science
  • MAT Mathematics
  • MS Statistical Science

Definition of Terms
The operating definitions used to guide this request and for future requests are as follows (with focus on online degrees at this time and consistent with Department of Education and regional accreditation language and expectations):

Online Degree
An online degree is an academic degree for which all of the requirements for the degree could be completed via distance. Distance education is education that delivers instruction to students who are separated from the instructor and supports regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor synchronously or asynchronously. An online degree must be consistent with the mission and educational objectives of the University of Idaho. An online degree must maintain the same academic standards as those offered on campus.

Hybrid Degree
A hybrid degree is an academic degree that includes both on-site classroom work and a significant amount of coursework that could be completed out of the classroom. A hybrid degree must be consistent with the mission and educational objectives of the University of Idaho. A hybrid degree must maintain the same academic standards as those offered on campus.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.