

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
November 19, 2009

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Transfer of Administrative Responsibility
From Rackham Graduate School to the
School of Information

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

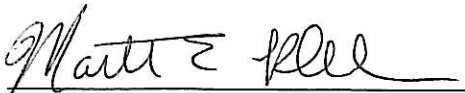
The School of Information requests that full administrative responsibility for the Master's of Science in Information (MSI) degree be transferred from Rackham Graduate School to the School of Information. This change would align the School of Information with the successful and well-established administration model employed by the University of Michigan's other professional degree programs of comparable size and scope (e.g., medicine, business, law, social work, public health, dentistry, engineering, pharmacy, architecture, and music, theater and dance).

Since the Regents re-chartered the School of Information in 1996, it has created a mature, independent academic and career services infrastructure tailored to the needs of its professional students. Through this infrastructure the School of Information has grown Master's enrollment by approximately 75% to a current MSI enrollment of 370 students.

Transferring administrative responsibility for the MSI degree from Rackham Graduate School to the School of Information has been communicated with, and received support from the School of Information faculty, the Dean of Rackham, and the Provost. The Regents are asked to approve this change to become effective on July 1, 2010.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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