

5. UNC Program Proposals.....Courtney Thornton

**Situation:** North Carolina Central University requests authorization to establish a new degree program.

**Background:** In 2011-2012, North Carolina Central University completed a comprehensive program review resulting in the discontinuation of bachelor's degree programs in Computer Science and Computer Information Systems. The Board of Governor's approved those discontinuations in June 2012 with the understanding that the content of the two discontinued programs would be combined into one new degree program and brought to the Board for establishment at a later time. Hence, this resulting new program requires no new resources.

**Assessment:** Establishment of the programs is recommended.

**Action:** This item requires a vote.

**Request for Authorization to Establish the  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Business at  
North Carolina Central University**

North Carolina Central University requests authorization to establish a Bachelor of Science (B.S) in Computer Science and Business degree program (CIP 11.0199).

In June 2012, the Board of Governors approved discontinuation of North Carolina Central University's B.S. programs in Computer Science and Computer Information Systems with the understanding that programmatic elements would be combined into a single bachelor's program. The proposed B.S. in Computer Science and Business is the resulting new program. The 127-hour program will prepare graduates to meet the information needs of businesses and other enterprises. In addition to the general education curriculum, all students will take a common core of classes in computer science, information systems, and business. Students can pursue more in-depth knowledge in any of these focus areas through elective coursework. All students will be required to complete a two-semester capstone experience applying subject matter learned throughout the program to address challenging problems in computer science and business.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve North Carolina Central University's request to establish a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Business degree program (CIP 11.0199) to enroll students beginning January 2015.