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Dear Ocheng:

I write to request a Reasonable and Moderate Extension of the IBHE in granting a change to the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code for degrees in management information systems (MIS) offered at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS).

The change is requested for the following programs:

- M. S. in Management Information Systems and Ph. D. in Management Information Systems—Chicago
- B. S. in Management Information Systems and M. S. in Management Information Systems—Springfield

These programs are currently assigned the CIP code 52.1201 (Management Information Systems, General). The new CIP code for the programs would be 11.0501 (Computer systems Analysis).

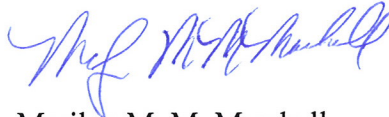
The 11.0501 CIP code more accurately reflects the curricula for the programs offered at UIC and UIS, and places the University of Illinois programs in the same CIP code series as other top programs offered at peer institutions. One of the major impacts of the proposed change would be an increase in federal grant funding opportunities for students as the programs would be designated as STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs. STEM designation also increases potential funding opportunities for faculty in curriculum development and expansion. With a federal focus on increasing the workforce in STEM fields, these programs would be able to attract more domestic, women and minority students, as well as becoming more competitive in recruiting international students because the practical training period is extended with the STEM designation.

The world and discipline of MIS has changed tremendously in the last 20 years and the University of Illinois MIS programs have kept change accordingly. By reacting to changes and constantly updating the curricula, the programs have been able to better respond to market demands and prepare students to be at the forefront of their chosen professional careers.

This requested change in CIP code designation reflects the dynamic nature of this field and these educational programs and places the programs in a designation similar to other institutions across the nation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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