

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date **15-Oct-18** Curriculum Bulletin _____
 Effective Date ~~select one~~ **Fall 2019** Approved by EPC _____

Department **Management and Information Systems**
 College **BU - Business Administration**
 Degree **PHD - Doctor of Philosophy**
 Program Name **Business Administration** Program Banner Code ~~BU-PHD~~ **BAD**
 Concentration(s) **Supply Chain Management** Concentration(s) Banner Code(s) **SCM**
 Proposal **Temporarily suspend admissions**

Description of proposal:

The proposal is to temporarily suspend admissions into the Supply Chain Management Concentration of the Ph.D. program. The other five concentrations of the PhD Program -- Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Management and Marketing - remain active and are unaffected.

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours? Yes No

Current total credit hours: **67** Proposed total credit hours **67**

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

Impact on other areas and programs is minimal. The courses offered in this concentration are highly specialized and require strong mathematical background to perform well. Typically, other than SCM students, courses in this area might attract one student or two from other concentrations. The suspension of admissions to this concentration has been discussed at the department level, at the college level (PhD subcommittee), and with the Dean's office. No objections have been raised.

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

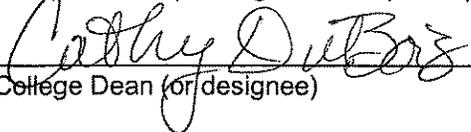
M&IS department, College of Business Administration Ph.D. Subcommittee, Associate Dean for Graduate and Online Programs

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS



 Department Chair / School Director 10/15/18

 Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals) 1/1



 College Dean (or designee) 10/25/18

 Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals) 1/1

 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (or designee) 1/1

Proposal Summary

Temporarily Suspend Admission to Supply Chain Concentration - PhD in Business Administration

1. **Rationale:** In recent years, retirement, especially related to faculty specializing in supply chain at the graduate level, and a shortage of faculty to teach in other areas in the department, has led to a shortage in faculty expertise needed to provide a quality educational experience for doctoral students in the supply chain concentration. Further, this shortage is likely to continue until we hire additional faculty.
2. **Students affected:** The supply chain concentration normally attracts few, but well qualified, applicants each year. In the past 5 years, we have graduated about 2 students from this concentration. Currently, we have no students in this concentration.
3. **Loss of faculty and staff:** Unfortunately, we are in this situation as we lost some qualified faculty to retirement and reallocation of resources. We do not anticipate any effect on our current faculty due to this suspension.
4. **Impact on other programs:** We foresee minimal impact on other areas and programs. The courses offered in this concentration are highly specialized and require strong mathematical background to perform well. Typically, other than our own students, courses in this area might attract a student or two from other concentrations. The suspension of admissions to this concentration has been discussed at the department level, at the college level (PhD subcommittee), and with the Dean's office. No objections have been raised.
5. **Communications:** Our intent is to immediately notify all prospective applicants of this suspension. This includes our web sites, and when approved, curricular studies. Currently, we have no applicants for the 2019 cohort.



Interdepartmental Correspondence

Department of Management & Information Systems

TO: Dr. Cathy Dubois, *Associate Dean*, College of Business

FROM: Murali Shanker, *PhD Coordinator*, M&IS Department

DATE: 15 October 2018

SUBJECT: Suspension of admissions to the PhD concentration in Supply Chain Management

The attached proposal details our rationale for requesting a suspension of admissions to the PhD in Business Administration concentration in Supply Chain Management. The primary reasons to request this is the fact that we have lost valuable faculty expertise to retirement, and to reallocation of faculty resources to other needs in the department. As this situation is unlikely to change in the near future, we are unable to provide a quality educational experience for students in this concentration.

We currently have no students in this concentration, and the proposed change will have no discernible effect on other concentrations in the college, or on the remaining staff and faculty.