



To the Faculty Council Committee on Academic Policies:

Re: Bachelor of Science in Data Science and a Minor in Data Science proposal

On October 11, 2016, the University Budget Advisory Committee reviewed the budget for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Data Science and a Minor in Data Science. Since the new programs will be largely constructed from existing courses, course development costs will be relatively low and short term in nature. In addition, the new courses will be taught by existing faculty so no new hiring will be required. On-going support costs are reasonable and the program will be supported by funding from the Math and Computer Science departments. Although there appears to be demand for program, members of the UBAC debated the incremental impact of the student and tuition assumptions. However, the committee felt that this program could also open other markets for JCU. The UBAC approves this program from a budgetary perspective.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Hareza", written over the printed name.

Dennis Hareza

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