

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.6 Kent State University, Master of Science in Information Architecture and Knowledge Management

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study as well as the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Kent State University  
Master of Science in Information Architecture and Knowledge Management

## **BACKGROUND**

### **KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

Master of Science in Information Architecture and Knowledge Management

Kent State University seeks Regents' approval for a graduate degree program entitled Master of Information Architecture and Knowledge Management, which is an interdisciplinary graduate degree program sponsored by the following KSU academic units: Department of Management and Information Systems, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, School of Communication Studies, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and School of Library and Information Science. This unique graduate degree program is designed to prepare graduates to assume diverse roles as information managers and to make their Ohio businesses more competitive in the global economy as well as make their employers' organizations more efficient, and effective, in the creation, gathering, accessing, and dissemination of electronic information. This proposal directly addresses the currently unfilled and growing national need for "information architects."

The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study has reviewed extensive written documentation provided by Kent State University on this proposed graduate program and, in response to expert reviews of these descriptive materials, provided the University with appropriate critical comments. The University, in turn, provided additional written descriptive materials and sent its program representatives to the November 17, 2000 meeting of the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study. After a detailed presentation by representatives of Kent State University that was followed by questions from individual campus representatives, the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted with unanimous assent to approve the Master of Science in Information Architecture and Knowledge Management degree program at Kent State University.