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Executive Committee, School of Public Policy

RE: [\[Campus Review\] Proposal: Master of Science \(M.S.\) degree in Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)

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The Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy has reviewed the [\[Campus Review\] Proposal: Master of Science \(M.S.\) degree in Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#). We are supportive of this program and its timeliness. We have a few minor comments.

- In Section 2.2 (p. 14), the proposal notes the program contains 20 credits of core courses. However, in listing the core courses, the proposal then lists core credits as 24, noting “the following six mandatory courses” - but then only lists 5 courses. It would be useful to clarify whether there are 5 or 6 core courses, and whether there are 20 or 24 core credits.
- The UCI program cited in the proposal (Master of Applied Artificial Intelligence, shown on p. 8 of the proposal) - which appears to be the most comparable program to the current proposal - is a 9-month program with 40 credits. Is there any concern that a 16-month program with 49 credits (one full year + the following fall quarter) may reduce demand?