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Dear Dr. Perkins and Members of the University Committee on Courses and Curricula,

We are writing this letter to express support for the proposed modifications to the DSCI MS program, particularly the addition of new Data Science Concentrations in General, Manufacturing Analytics, Geospatial Science, and Agricultural Autonomy.

As described in the catalog, the interdisciplinary Master of Science in Data Science degree program is designed to provide students with comprehensive training in managing, processing, and extracting insights from large and varied data sets. The program will equip students with the necessary skills to communicate their findings and prepare them for professional employment in industry, government, and NGOs. Moreover, the program offers ample opportunities for students to participate in data analytics projects and continue into more advanced degree programs.

We believe that the addition of these new concentrations will allow students to gain specialized knowledge and expertise in their chosen fields. Furthermore, the program's open admission policy to graduates from all disciplines with a strong quantitative background and computational skills will enable individuals with diverse backgrounds to benefit from this program.

Overall, we strongly support the proposed modifications to the DSCI program and believe that they will help prepare students for the rapidly growing field of data science. Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Curriculum Committee,
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