1. **Issue:** Minot State University (MiSU) has submitted the following Stage II requests to offer:
   - Minor in *Law and Legal Studies*, CIP Code 22.0001, via on-campus and distance delivery;
   - Minor in *Offenders, Risk Assessment, and Corrections*, CIP Code 43.0104, via on-campus and distance delivery; and,

2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the Stage II requests of MiSU to offer the above list of programs.

3. **Background information:** The first new proposed minor will offer students interested in pursuing a law degree or career in the legal system a focused study of the legal system through the study of types of law, legal procedures, courts and legal systems, legal theory and field placement/internship. This minor also responds to student and practitioner expectations related to knowledge and skill sets to better prepare students for career paths in law of the legal system.

   The second proposed minor aids students pursuing a career in probation, parole, and corrections a comprehensive understanding of offender risk assessment, practices and policies in probation/parole, community and institutional corrections. This minor also responds to student and practitioner expectations to prepare students for career paths in corrections and offender rehabilitation.

   The third proposed minor offers students pursuing a career in federal, state, and local law enforcement or policing a more comprehensive study of interview and investigation, use of force, and police administration and management.

   All three proposed minors are available to students who are not Criminal Justice majors.

4. **Financial implications:** None cited.

5. **Legal/policy issues:** State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 403.1 Program Approval states: “Board approval is required for all new programs of study that designate a focused collection of instructional/learning activities the completion of which signifies a level of competence which the awarding institution so designates by a notation on the front of the student transcript.”

6. **Academic issues:** No academic issues were raised at the May 3, 2017 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.
7. **Coordination:** On May 3, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend the Stage II request for review by the Chancellor’s Cabinet and advance to the SBHE for approval/denial.

8. **Attachments:** The Stage II requests are attached.

9. **Contact information:** Richard M. Rothaus, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, NDUS. Ph: 701-328-4136/email: richard.rothaus@ndus.edu.

10. **Chancellor’s recommendation:** Reviewed at the May 10, 2017 Chancellor Cabinet meeting. Chancellor recommends approval.