1. **Issue**: North Dakota State University (NDSU) has submitted a Stage II requests to terminate the following programs:
   - B.A. and B.S. in Botany, CIP Code 26.0301 and,

2. **Proposed actions**: Approve/deny the Stage II requests of NDSU to terminate the following programs:
   - B.A. and B.S. in Botany, CIP Code 26.0301 and,

3. **Background information**: In the fall of 2014 the Department of Biological Sciences consolidated undergraduate degrees in botany, biology, and zoology into one biological sciences degree. That consolidated curriculum has now moved through the system to be active so NDSU can request inactivation of the previous programs.

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

5. **Legal/policy issues**: State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 403.1.1, Program Approval, states, “Academic program termination requires approval of the Board of Higher Education.”

6. **Academic issues**: No academic issues were raised at the August 2, 2017, Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.

7. **Coordination**: On August 2, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Stage II requests for review by the Chancellor’s Cabinet and advance to the SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee 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:**