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**TO:** Richard Koubek, President

**FROM:** Jacqueline E. Huntoon, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

*Jacqueline E. Huntoon*

**DATE:** March 26, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Senate Proposal 50-21

Attached is Senate proposal 50-21, "Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Data Science," and a memo stating the Senate passed this proposal at their March 24, 2021 meeting. I have reviewed this memo and recommend approving the proposal.

I concur   X   do not concur        with this recommendation.

Richard Koubek, President

3/29/2021

Date



**Michigan Tech**

*University Senate*

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**DATE:** March 25, 2021  
**TO:** Richard Koubek, President  
**FROM:** Samuel Sweitz  
University Senate President  
**SUBJECT:** Proposal 50-21  
**COPIES:** Jacqueline E. Huntoon, Provost & Senior VP for Academic Affairs

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At its meeting on March 24, 2021, the University Senate approved Proposal 50-21, "Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Data Science". Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**The University Senate of Michigan Technological University**

**Proposal 50-21**  
(Voting Units: Academic)

**Proposal to Shelve Degree Program:  
Graduate Certificate in Data Science**

Submitted by:  
Data Science Executive Committee  
Contact: Laura Brown, Graduate Program Director, Data Science

**1. Full name of program to be shelved**

Graduate Certificate in Data Science (IDSC)

**2. Final term program will be open for new admits**

Fall 2020

**3. Plan to complete all enrolled and returning students**

There is only one current student who has expressed interest in obtaining the certificate. The Data Science program will continue to advise enrolled students and teach the courses (or consult with other campus units to continue to teach the courses) required for the certificate.

**4. Reason for shelving**

In late Spring 2020, the Data Science program created a new 9-credit graduate certificate in Data Science Foundations (follows a stackable certificate model). The new Data Science Foundations certificate is intended as a replacement for this to-be-shelved certificate.

**5. Financial impact (if any) to the department and university**

There are no known financial impacts to the Data Science program or to the University.