



MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: T. Chris Riley-Tillman, Provost and Executive Vice President

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SUBJECT: Create MS in Artificial Intelligence

DATE: February 27, 2026

The attached proposal from the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture (VCEA) to create a Master of Science (MS) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) program on the WSU Pullman campus has been reviewed by the Provost's Office and our internal review committee.

The MS in Artificial Intelligence would address the growing demand for AI and machine learning (ML) expertise in both academic and professional fields. Stakeholders, including faculty, peer institutions, and students, have identified a need for such a program to explore and address complex phenomena that do not fit within traditional disciplinary boundaries. The program will target high-achieving students seeking to synthesize knowledge from multiple Computer Science disciplines. The program would be housed in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, administered by current faculty and staff, and leveraged by existing resources.

The Office of the Provost and Finance and Operations are carefully assessing the special tuition model proposed for this program. We will continue to facilitate discussions directly with VCEA regarding the same.

The department chair and dean support the proposal to create this degree program. We judge the proposal ready for the Senate review process.