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Subject: Proposal to deactivate the Business Management major leading to the Associate of Applied Science
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Carri and Jeanne:

The proposal from Ohio State ATI to deactivate the Business Management major leading to the Associate of Applied Science was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on September 16, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

The proposal will now be sent to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on November 19, 2026. If approved by the Board, my office will work with you on the submission process with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Once fully approved, the Office of the University Registrar will deactivate the program in its system.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Val Williams (.1415), or me.

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Dear Ms. Osborne,

This letter is an acknowledgement of the deactivation of the Business Management Associate of Applied Science program at Ohio State ATI, effective August 18, 2026.

Rationale

In accordance with the requirements of Senate Bill 1, Ohio State ATI submitted a closure waiver request to the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) for the Business Management Associate of Applied Science program. The waiver request was denied. To ensure full compliance with state requirements, Ohio State ATI administration has informed faculty of ODHE's decision and is proceeding with deactivation of the program.

Plans Ahead

Ohio State ATI is committed to protecting the academic progress of all students. Currently, the Business Management Associate of Applied Science program includes 11 first-year students and 7 continuing students. This program deactivation is not expected to disrupt students' progress toward degree completion. Working closely with the program coordinator and the Ohio State ATI Academic Affairs Office, plans will be implemented to ensure all students are supported in completing their remaining degree requirements without interruption.

No new students will be enrolled in the program.

Deactivation of the Business Management Associate of Applied Science program may result in a financial impact to Ohio State ATI, as graduation State Share of Instruction associated with the degree will no longer be realized. Upon final degree conferral, Ohio State ATI will assess program-specific courses for potential deactivation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if additional information or documentation is required to accompany this submission. We look forward to hearing from the FAES Committee on Academic Affairs regarding next steps in the approval process.

Sincerely,

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