Proposal: discontinuation of "with Management" degrees

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1 Context

Some time ago, all the Schools in the College of Science and Engineering, following College policy, introduced "with Management" degrees in addition to their existing degrees. These degrees are not joint Honours degrees, where there is a rough balance between the work done in two separate Schools, but "Single Honours (with a subsidiary subject)".

Subsequently, three Schools have discontinued these degrees. The proposal is that Informatics should do likewise.

2 Rationale

Anecdotally, the "with Management" degrees have attracted a few students who came to study these degrees specifically. We currently have 3 such degrees (AI, CS and SE with Management), with 0, 9 and 6 students respectively over all years.

The following suggests that Informatics discontinues these degrees:

- Students are able to take the courses on the "with Management" degrees following the more normal degrees (no concession is needed).

- Their transcripts will show that they have taken courses in Management, so they still have credit for doing this.

- There is cost in maintaining degree programmes, in terms of maintaining DPT tables annually and separate tracking and records.

- We will still teach our joint degree CS and Management. The "with Management" degrees do not normally provide a way into that joint degree, as the outside courses taken are not those required for the joint degree.

- This is a step in simplifying our complex degree structures, which is recognised as a cause for concern when enrolling students.