

## **VSBE**

**Date:** May 28, 2020

**Item:** ROPA Report on UVM's New Computer Science Education Programs

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBE grant conditional approval of UVM's new Computer Science Education programs for two years?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBE grants conditional approval of UVM's new Computer Science Education programs for two years with the provision that the two stipulations in the report are met. A Two-Year Report will be due in May of 2022.**

**BACKGROUND:** The VSBE approved UVM's application to have a review of its proposed new Computer Science programs, a major and a minor for other secondary education majors. On March 31, a team of educators approved by UVM and the Board conducted remote interviews of people involved with the new programs. The team reviewed the evidence that UVM had submitted, focusing especially on how the program will ensure candidates have met the endorsement standards. As UVM already has several other approved secondary programs, the team also drew on the ROPA Report from UVM's 2018 review for some of the indicators. This was the first ROPA review conducted virtually, and it went very well.

**RATIONALE:** As noted in the ROPA Report, the program has two stipulations that need to be met prior to being granted recommendation for approval. Once those stipulations have been met, the team is confident that UVM is well-prepared to ensure its candidates have met the Core Teaching Standards and endorsement competencies.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

[Review Team ROPA Report](#)