

## **Technology Issues: Information Assurance**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The National Security Agency designated seven schools nationwide as National Centers of Excellence in Information Assurance Education. Those schools are: James Madison University, George Mason University, Iowa State University, Purdue University, University of California – Davis, The University of Idaho and Idaho State University. Dr. Corey Schou, Associate Dean of Information Systems and Professor in the College of Business at ISU, is chairman of the National Colloquium on Information Systems Security Education. Dr. Schou is scheduled to report this group's findings to the NSA mid-September.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Schou's report offers a nine-point cooperative plan between government, industry and academia to address the overwhelming demand for information assurance professionals. This group's study also calls for improved training resources for university faculty and suggested that a learning program in information assurance and the ethical use of information be targeted at elementary and secondary teachers. This study challenges the traditional models of education and training. Included in your binder are brief articles discussing this report and the nine-point plan.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

### **BOARD ACTION:**

**No action needed.**