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Office of the President
May 8, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Human Health Sciences degree (CIP Code: 51.000, PROG: HS BS HHSC) in the College of Health Sciences, effective in the Fall 2012 Semester.

Background: The proposed program will prepare graduates to: 1) pursue healthcare careers available to students with a BS degree (e.g., mid-level management or supervision across healthcare environments, medical or pharmaceutical sales, community health advocacy); or 2) enter advanced degree programs in the disciplines of dentistry, pharmacy, physician assistants, and physical therapy. This program is not intended to replace other traditional pathways to healthcare careers. Instead, the program offers a unique alternative for those who seek careers in healthcare and the health professions.

The HHS will provide graduates with a strong foundation in the competencies necessary to deliver high quality healthcare in a dynamic environment. The program focuses on development of knowledge and skills that include, but are not limited to: ethical behavior in provision of all healthcare activities and services; effective participation within interprofessional teams; provision of culturally sensitive healthcare services; effective oral and written communication and use of information technology; attention to patient safety and healthcare quality; and leadership and advocacy for improved healthcare.

Graduates from the HHS degree program will leave with a comprehensive knowledge of healthcare and related issues and the initial competencies crucial for a successful career in healthcare. For those who seek admission to specialized clinical degree programs at the graduate or professional level, the program will provide the needed prerequisites in the sciences, mathematics, and social sciences for professional study while establishing the necessary background in the human health sciences.

This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the forty-five day review by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____