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Office of the President
December 17, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science with a major in Information Communication Technology degree in the School of Library and Information Science within the College of Communication and Information, effective in the Spring 2014 Semester.

Background: Information Communication Technology (ICT) programs strive to educate students to assume leadership roles where the application of information technology is concerned, with the ultimate goal of connecting people, organizations, and communities to enhance their ability to succeed. The proposed program focuses on providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively apply, use, and manage technology when solving problems specifically related to information and communication. It provides a human and organizational focus on technology—teaching students how to be effective users of technology, as opposed to teaching students how to program. While other Kentucky-based programs exist, they are either based largely on computer science or are discipline specific, rather than focusing on the application of information technology across disciplines. The ICT program focuses on the intersection of technology: the people who use that technology; the policies and regulations governing or affecting use of that technology; and the community or environment in which that technology is used.

The broad cluster of occupations that fall within the ICT arena includes, but is not limited to, computer analysts, computer support specialists, technical writers, media and communications coordinators, and instructional coordinators. The objectives of the program include educating and preparing students for a successful career in the ICT field in a global economy ever more dependent upon technology. This will be accomplished by exposing students to theoretical underpinnings of ICT as well as practical applications of technology.

This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 45 day review by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____