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Office of the President December 17, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE TRANSFER RECOMMENDATION

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of the Master of Science in Radiological Medical Physics (RMP) with a major in Radiation Science degree from the Department of Clinical Sciences in the College of Health Sciences to the Department of Radiation Medicine in the College of Medicine, effective January 1, 2014.

<u>Background</u>: The RMP master's degree program was initiated in 1968 and is considered one of the premier clinical medical physics programs in North America. It is a small, selective program noted for providing high quality didactic and clinical training. The program provides students a thorough didactic grounding in fundamental and specialized medical physics, with hands on experience using state-of-the-art equipment. It is recognized for its strong clinical focus and offers an in-house residency for selected graduates of the UK program. In 1998, it was fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs (CAMPEP) and was reaccredited in 2002 and 2009. The next reaccreditation self-study is due in 2014 with the site visit scheduled for 2015.

Since its inception, the program has been offered by the College of Health Sciences in collaboration with the College of Medicine. Over the years, the leadership, resources and responsibility of the program have transitioned to the College of Medicine. It is anticipated that the program transfer will have no adverse effect on the RMP degree program, faculty, staff or students. In fact, the transfer is expected to strengthen the program by promoting continuity and placing the responsibility for the program in the Department of Radiation Medicine, where the leadership, faculty expertise, equipment and other resources reside.

The transfer has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council. The University Senate endorsed the transfer. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other_____