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Office of the President  
April 27, 2010

Members, Board of Trustees:

## ACADEMIC DEGREE TRANSFER RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of the Master of Health Administration (MHA) with a major in Health Administration from the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration to the Department of Health Services Management in the College of Public Health, effective July 1, 2010.

Background: The MHA accreditation requirements have changed considerably in recent years, including more stringent faculty complement requirements, the mandatory development of competencies to be addressed in the curriculum, and participation in health-related community and professional service. As the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration has achieved prominence in public policy research and education, the differences between the MHA program and the Martin School's primary focus have become more pronounced.

Serious resource constraints also make it problematic to maintain health management education in two distinct institutional units. The College of Public Health is required to include faculty with health management expertise in order to meet core requirements for their own accreditation and thus provides the university with the opportunity to make optimal use of its resources through shared instructional and research capacity. The Department of Health Services Management has faculty members with extensive health administration experience and others with expertise in related areas such as health policy, economics, and law. As one of the six health care colleges, the College of Public Health is well-positioned to integrate the MHA curriculum with UK's health care enterprise as a learning laboratory.

The transfer has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council. The University Senate approved the academic merits and endorsed the non-academic merits of the move. The provost of the university supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_