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Office of the President
April 30, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
MARTIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Public Policy, in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, within the Graduate School, beginning in the Fall 2019 Semester.

Background: The proposed undergraduate program will focus on how public policy decisions are made; how public policy can affect various members of society; and how leadership is exercised in the public and nonprofit sectors. Thirty years ago, there were few undergraduate programs in this area, but there has been strong growth nationally in such offerings. For example, 50% of public policy/administration programs now offer such degrees. The program focuses on analytical and quantitative tools for understanding and measuring the effects of existing and proposed public policies. The program will prepare students for graduate study or for careers in law, education, public and nonprofit organizations, and federal/state/local government. Enrollment of 30 new students per year is anticipated.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate, and has completed the 30 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____