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Members, Board of Trustees:

CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCT DESIGN: COLLEGE OF DESIGN

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Department of Product Design and the transfer of the Bachelor of Science in Product Design from the College of Design to the Department of Product Design, in the College of Design, effective July 1, 2020.

<u>Background</u>: The Board of Trustees approved the Bachelor of Science degree in Product Design in February 2020. This approval listed the College of Design as the home educational unit for the degree program. Creation of a separate Department of Product Design and transition of the degree program into this department will allow for effective allocation and tracking of program resources; enhanced student support; and appointment of new Product Design faculty members to a department that matches their credentials.

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.