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Office of the President
June 30, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE: COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a graduate certificate in Sport Social Work in the College of Social Work.

Background: The proposed graduate certificate in Sport Social Work combines foundational social work principles with a focus on the unique needs of athletes and athletic systems, aiming to promote mental health and well-being through practice, advocacy and research. The certificate program will prepare students for a rapidly growing job market in athletic and sport-related settings and supporting youth development, mental health and well-being across the state of Kentucky.

The proposed graduate certificate has been recommended to the Provost by the College of Social Work faculty, given their expertise within their respective disciplines. The Provost of the University supports the program faculty's recommendation.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____