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Office of the President
May 4, 2021

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Science degree with a major in Biostatistics, in the Department of Biostatistics, within the College of Public Health, beginning in the 2021 Fall Semester.

Background: The proposed program is designed to train students in the methodological skills that are foundational in biostatistics. The program will meet the needs of individuals who seek to work in industries where advanced knowledge for the analysis of health science data is required. The target audience is individuals with an undergraduate degree who seek to further their education in the analysis of biomedical data, including students planning to work in healthcare, health agencies, biomedical research or pharmaceutical industries. Projected enrollment is five for the first cohort, eventually increasing to 25.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. The provost of the university supports this recommendation. Pending approval by the Board of Trustees, the program will begin the review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____