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To: University Senate
From: Rebecca Andridge, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Establish a Master of Health and Wellness degree program
Date: April 13, 2023

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A MASTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS DEGREE PRORGAM, COLLEGE OF NURSING

- Whereas the new program is designed to prepare expert leaders in evidence-based health and wellness programming and building wellness cultures to improve population health and well-being in a variety of settings; and
- Whereas the program is designed for professionals who have earned at least a bachelor's degree in a healthcare-related discipline such as health sciences, counseling, public health, nursing, psychology, social work, or a health or wellness related discipline such as allied health, exercise science, exercise physiology, health promotion, public health; and
- Whereas the new program will consist of 35 credit hours and can be completed in an online hy-flex model or fully online model with a fulltime one-year completion or a part-time 2 year completion, and there is Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Technology and Digital Innovation; and
- Whereas resources are available to establish and maintain the program, and the proposal has the support of the College faculty and Dean; and
- Whereas the proposal was reviewed by the joint subcommittee of the Graduate School and the Council on Academic Affairs, and then approved by the full Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on March 1, 2023; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a Master of Health and Wellness degree program, College of Nursing, and respectfully requests approval by the Board of Trustees.