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To: University Senate  
From: Maria Pruchnicki, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs  
Subject: Proposal to Establish a Doctor of Nursing Education Degree Program  
Date: November 29, 2021

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A DOCTOR OF NURSING EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM, COLLEGE OF NURSING

- Whereas the Doctor of Nursing Education (DNE) is a professional degree aimed at preparing nursing educators with doctoral-level training, in teaching the didactic and clinical skills, to prepare future nurses to meet emerging workforce needs, and is distinctive from the College's Ph.D. and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree programs; and
- Whereas it is designed for nurses with an earned Master's degree, includes 50 post-Master's credits, will have two specializations – academic nursing educator and nursing professional development, and can be completed in 5 semesters (full time) or 8 semesters (part-time) ; and
- Whereas it is a distance learning program and there is a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Distance Education and eLearning; and the College has the resources (personnel and facilities) to offer the program – admitting 30 students the first year, 45 the second, and 60 in subsequent years; and
- Whereas the proposal has the support of the faculty and leadership of the College of Nursing, and has internal and external letters of support; and
- Whereas the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Graduate School, and then the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on November 3, 2021; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a Doctor of Nursing Education degree program and respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees.