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To: University Senate
From: Maria N. Mariti, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Master of Public Administration and Leadership
Date: April 10, 2018

A PRPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP DEGREE PROGRAM, JOHN GLENN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Whereas this new program will complement the College's existing pre-service Master of Public Administration (MOA) and in-career Master of Arts (MA) in Public Policy and Management, degrees; and is an online program that has been developed in consultation with the Office of Distance Education and e-learning; and
- Whereas the program will target working professionals who may not have the flexibility to commit to a residential program; it emphasizes the skills that can be used immediately in the workplace and at the same time is responsive to the needs of public and nonprofit employers; and its implementation is necessary to compete with other top public affairs graduate programs, almost all of which have online degree options; and
- Whereas the curriculum consists of 32-33 credit hours that include 20 hours of required core courses, and a minimum of 12 credits of electives or specialization in one four initial areas - public management; public policy; criminal justice administration and policy; or nonprofit management; and
- Whereas the program has the support of the faculty and the leadership of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, and has letters of support by other colleges including Arts and Sciences, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and Public Health; and
- Whereas the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by a joint committee of the Council on Academic Affairs and the Graduate Council, and then was approved by the full Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on April 4, 2018;

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a Master of Public Administration and Leadership degree program, and respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees.