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To: University Senate

From: Blaine Lilly, Chair
Council on Academic Affairs

Date: January 12, 2016

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A MASTERS OF HEALTH CARE INNOVATION DEGREE PRORGAM, COLLEGE OF NURSING

- WHEREAS the proposal is for a multi-disciplinary leadership degree that builds capacity for individuals to understand, translate and lead complex healthcare organizations through the application of innovation and change principles; and
- WHEREAS the program is designed to be flexible and conducive to the adult learner at both the mid-career and entry level as well as for students who are currently working in healthcare setting in order to apply the concepts immediately; and
- WHEREAS the proposal is consistent with the College of Nursing's Strategic Plan; has provided details on the curriculum, administrative arrangements, evidence of need, prospective enrollment, and its fiscal dimensions; and has clarified its distinctiveness from the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program; and
- WHEREAS the proposal is for a fully-online program and its development has included the input and support from the Office of Distance Education and e-Learning; and
- WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Graduate School and then by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on December 2, 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a Masters of Health Care Innovation degree program as proposed by the College of Nursing, and respectfully seek approval from the Board of Trustees..