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Office of the President
June 12, 2007

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in International Studies (CIP Code 30.2001, ATTR = (IN)ternational (ST)udies (INST) in the College of Arts and Sciences, effective in the fall 2007 semester.

Background: The proposed new degree is designed to imbue students with the knowledge and the ability to interact in a variety of international economic, political, and social settings so that they are prepared for careers in globally oriented institutions (whether in business, government, international development agencies, non-governmental organizations, philanthropic agencies, or the arts). Majors also will be prepared academically to continue their education in graduate or professional programs oriented toward international topics (including programs in the humanities, social sciences, and arts as well as law, business, and communications). In short, International Studies majors will learn to think critically and act appropriately in diverse environments.

Preparing a generation of Kentucky citizens and workers for the new global environment is particularly important to the Commonwealth and the nation. The proposed new program will allow the University of Kentucky to bring together its international curricular strengths into a coherent and well-developed program of study.

This program has the approval of the appropriate Councils and University Senate and has completed the 45-day review by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The provost of the university supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____