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Office of the President
June 24, 2016

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Science degree with a major in Research Methods in Education, in the Department of Educational Policy and Evaluation, within the College of Education, beginning in the Fall 2016 Semester.

Background: The proposed degree will provide students training for careers in settings such as academic institutions, school districts, state and federal agencies, healthcare, and certification, licensing, and testing organizations. Developing research knowledge and skills within a problem-of-practice framework, enrolled students will learn to apply research methods, techniques, and constructs across education settings, issues, and data sets.

Students enrolled in the program will develop a foundation in basic research methods in education, while completing a focused area of emphasis: quantitative methods, evaluation, or research design. The interdisciplinary program will cross fields of study within education, drawing from perspectives in policy, psychology, pedagogy, and history. This unique approach should attract those wanting to develop academic and applied research skills, undertake commissioned research or evaluations, or progress to doctoral study, as well as those already working as a researcher or evaluator.

This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 45 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____