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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CENTER FOR INTERPROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE EDUCATION,
RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice in the Office of the Provost.

Background: The Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice's primary purpose is to develop, support, evaluate, and sustain an academic culture wherein students, faculty, and staff work collaboratively within and across interprofessional teams to accomplish and report better outcomes that can be achieved through independent healthcare practice. The Center will be designed to overcome competing priorities and time constraints imposed on students, faculty, and administrators that can significantly limit and may even inhibit the development and execution of these education experiences. Thus, the primary work of the Center will be to design, facilitate, coordinate, promote, and evaluate Interprofessional Healthcare Education, Research, and Practice.

In its broadest sense, interprofessional education is education, training, or teaching that involves more than one profession in joint, interactive learning. The goal of interprofessional education is to teach systems-based, holistic decision-making by empowering learners with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and experience that are necessary to enable them to solve complex problems and address issues that surpass the scope of any one profession.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council. The University Senate approved the proposal based upon its academic merits. The Senate did not endorse the establishment of the Center based upon its non-academic merits. The provost of the University supports the establishment of the Center.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____