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Office of the President
February 17, 2017

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Radiation and Radiological Sciences (CIP 51.2205-Health/Medical Physics) in the Department of Radiation Medicine within the College of Medicine, effective in the Fall 2017 semester.

Background: The Department of Radiation Medicine is establishing a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Radiation and Radiological Sciences in order to provide additional training for students who desire to enter a clinical or academic career. This degree will be particularly attractive to students who want to acquire the additional skills and credentials that accompany a Ph.D., primarily students seeking to enter residency programs in Medical Physics. Medical Physicists provide support services primarily in Radiation Therapy and Diagnostic Radiology settings.

In addition to a graduate degree, entrance into the clinical certification process (administered by the American Board of Radiology) requires graduation from an accredited Medical Physics residency program. This degree also will provide students with a competitive advantage as Medical Physics residency programs are limited in number and selective in their admission process.

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 _____