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Office of the President
June 10, 2014

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in Information Communication Technology degree in the School of Library and Information Sciences, within the College of Communication and Information, effective in the Fall 2014 Semester.

Background: The Information Communication Technology (ICT) program will provide further education for graduate students seeking leadership roles where the application of information technology is concerned with the ultimate goal of connecting people, organizations and communities to enhance their ability to succeed. The graduate program will build on and extend the skills and content covered in the undergraduate program.

The broad cluster of occupations that fall within the ICT arena includes, but is not limited to computer analysts, computer support specialists, technical writers, media, communications and instructional coordinators. ICT is a growing field with actual growth exceeding projected growth in several categories. Currently, there is not a University of Kentucky program focused on the practical application of technology. This proposal addresses this need. This degree is not equivalent to a degree in computer science and does not prepare a student for a job in software development or programming. The objectives of the proposed program include educating and preparing students for a successful career in the ICT field in a global economy.

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 _____