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Office of the President  
April 1, 2014

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
(MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING)

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing degree in the Department of English, in the College of Arts and Sciences, effective the Fall 2014 Semester.

Background: The proposed two-year residency program will expand the already existing undergraduate Creative Writing program to the graduate level. The MFA in Creative Writing will afford interested individuals from across the nation the opportunity to pursue advanced study in the various areas of creative writing (from poetry to fiction) in which University of Kentucky faculty have established national reputations. Having a graduate program in creative writing will more closely align the University with its benchmark institutions, while also providing an educational opportunity for citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

MFA candidates will benefit from instruction by faculty who have achieved superb records in publication and in designing and teaching creative writing courses. Graduates will be positioned to enter a global competitive field that demands the engagement and discipline that the MFA in Creative Writing provides. These graduates not only will be well equipped for the teaching of poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction, but also for writing and publishing for a national literary audience. Their study will be well-rounded as well as focused, and will provide MFA candidates with a wide range of academic and professional training.

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.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_