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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – FLINT
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New Graduate Degree Program by the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to offer a new Master of Arts in Social Sciences through the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at the University of Michigan-Flint (UM-Flint) proposes a new graduate degree program, Master of Arts in Social Sciences. The proposed program has been developed based upon the results of a comprehensive needs assessment of the various constituents within the University of Michigan-Flint service region. The primary audience will be part-time students taking courses during evening hours. The program will provide post-baccalaureate educational opportunities in the social sciences for in-service teachers and other student populations within the UM-Flint service region.

The proposed Master of Arts (MA) in Social Sciences degree has been thoroughly reviewed and supported by the UM-Flint CAS faculty, Graduate Programs Committee, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, Budget Priorities and Chancellor’s Advisory Committee, as well as the provost and chancellor. It has also been approved by the Presidents Council of the State Universities of Michigan.

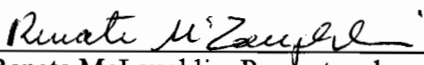
The proposed program consists of 30 semester credit-hours of graduate work. It includes three tracks: U.S. History and Politics; Global Studies; and Gender Studies. The curriculum was designed based upon sound pedagogy yet with significant flexibility. The three tracks were chosen as a result of a needs assessment study as well as current faculty strengths. In addition to requiring foundation (core) and track courses, students are expected to complete a one-course cognate and a capstone course.

Pending approval of the proposal, the program will begin to admit students for the fall 2005 semester. The required four core courses will be scheduled and instructional faculty to teach the courses in fall 2005 and winter 2006 have been tentatively identified.

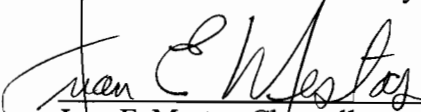
The program will be primarily funded by partial tuition return to the program. At present, no additional space is required.

The program has a comprehensive student outcomes assessment plan which has been approved by the UM-Flint Academic Assessment Committee. In addition, all new graduate programs at UM-Flint undergo a preliminary review at the end of the first year and a comprehensive review at the end of their third year of implementation.

Recommended by:


 Renate McLaughlin, Provost and
 Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Recommendation endorsed by:


 Juan E. Mestas, Chancellor
 University of Michigan-Flint

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