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**ACTION REQUEST** 

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SUBJECT: A dual degree program for the School of Management, University

of Michigan-Dearborn

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of a new dual degree program leading to the Master of

Business Administration and the Master of Science in Finance, to be offered by the School of Management, University of Michigan-

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**: January 1, 2006

The new dual degree program will allow students to simultaneously earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Science in Finance (MS-Finance). Both the MBA and MS-Finance are currently offered through evening classes, primarily serving adults who work full-time while pursuing their degrees part-time. There is a demonstrated demand among current and prospective students interested in earning both degrees. There are several courses in common between the two curricula, which will provide synergy to students earning both degrees. Graduates of the dual MBA & MS-Finance will have the breadth and integration of business knowledge and skills that comes from the MBA, coupled with the depth of expertise in the discipline of finance.

The dual MBA & MS-Finance program will be housed in the School of Management. While the dual MBA & MS-Finance is expected to attract new students and retain current students for a second degree, it will not require any new courses or additional faculty.

The dual MBA & MS-Finance has been approved by the governing faculty of the School of Management. It has also received the approval of The Council of Deans, Graduate Board and the Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, approved it on October 21, 2005.

I am pleased to present this proposal for your approval.

Recommended by:

Daniel Little, Chancellor

University of Michigan-Dearborn

November 2005