## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Approved by the Regents May 15, 2014

SUBJECT:

New degree program

**ACTION REQUESTED:** 

Approval of a new Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education degree program to be offered by the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, University of Michigan-

Dearborn

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 

May 1, 2014

The College of Education, Health, and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Dearborn proposes to establish an undergraduate program, Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education.

The pedagogical framework of the program combines study in both health and education and will enable students to have a direct impact on helping to educate, research/understand, and implement wellness-based programs impacting health, especially in at-risk populations through local internship opportunities. Health care delivery and services need to capitalize patient care while effectively managing costs. Engaging patients in prevention efforts is one approach, and health educators can provide these services to patients and organizations. The Community Health Education degree will provide students with a comprehensive biopsychosocial framework from which to build skills and abilities necessary to improve health management and disease prevention, and actively research, analyze and identify ways to enhance health and healthcare services.

The dean, the Executive Committee, and the governing faculty of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services have approved the Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education. The Council of Deans, Graduate Board, and the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs of the University of Michigan Dearborn have extended their approval. The Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan approved the new program on January 17, 2014.

I am pleased to present this proposal for your approval.

Recommended by:

Daniel Little, Chancellor

University of Michigan-Dearborn

May 2014