## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents May 15, 2014

## ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New degree program

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of a new Bachelor of Science in Public Health 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 Public Health, designed to educate students on the protection and improvement of health in local and regional communities through the activities of education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention.

Supported by authoritative data indicating a very strong outlook for public health-related jobs at the national, local and regional levels, including those requiring a bachelor's degree at entry, this proposed program will provide essential curricula to prepare students for advanced degrees and help nurture interest in advanced education in public health. Emphasis includes community engagement and academic service learning, with internship placement in a local health setting, fostering engagement, service learning, and integration with the Detroit community. The University of Michigan-Dearborn is well positioned to differentiate itself by offering concentrations in project management, community health, health in urban and disadvantaged communities, and data-focused approaches to public health.

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 Public Health. 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 April 11, 2014.

I am pleased to present this proposal for your approval.

Recommended by:

Daniel Little, Chancellor University of Michigan-Dearborn

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