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A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs: Establishment of the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents grant authority to the graduate faculty of the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs to offer the Master of Sciences (M.S.), effective autumn quarter 2010. The graduate degree program will have provisional status with a review to be scheduled in the 2014-2015 academic year, at which time the Ph.D. degree program is scheduled for review. At such time continuing status is granted, the ten-year review cycle would begin.

BACKGROUND:

In autumn quarter 2009, the Graduate School received a proposal from the graduate faculty in the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, requesting authority to offer the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management degree program as part of its existing Ph.D. The Board of Regents approved the Ph.D. in 2006. Implementation of the M.S. degree program is planned for Autumn Quarter 2010. Only students admitted to the Ph.D. degree program and who have completed two years of coursework, a Qualifying Examination, and a Major Area Paper would receive the M.S. degree.

The M.S. degree would acknowledge students' effort expended in coursework. The program curriculum will be the same that is taught the first two years of the Ph.D. program. The core curriculum has two streams of coursework: (1) theory and literature central to the field of public policy and management research which explores public management, institutional theory, public policy processes, analysis, and evaluation and, (2) research design and the application of research methods to public policy and management. Students will be prepared to integrate public policy and management training with a rigorous foundation in quantitative and qualitative research methods. Students will also develop a specialty in a policy field such as education, the environment, urban affairs, nonprofit management and international development or poverty alleviation. The cost to add the M.S. to the existing Ph.D. program would be negligible since no students would be added or new courses required.

In April 2010, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School appointed two faculty in public policy, policy research and administration programs from Duke University and Syracuse University to evaluate the Master of Science degree proposal. Both faculty commented on the program strengths and noted that offering the proposed

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M.S. was consistent with other institutions that often confer a master's degree as part of a Ph.D. program. Both faculty did not make specific recommendations for improvement to the proposal. They recommended that the proposal be approved.

On June 23, 2010, the Education Committee of the Higher Education Coordinating Board discussed the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management Proposal, which was then considered by the full Higher Education Coordinating Board on July 15, 2010. The Board approved the proposal by the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs to offer the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management degree program.

The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, and the Provost have reviewed and approved the recommendation. The Higher Education Coordinating Board will be informed of the Board of Regents' action on the proposed Master of Science in Public Policy and Management degree program