Report for the University Senate

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies

**Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:**

The proposal for a new prefix comes from the College of Education and Human Sciences. The College currently has a number of prefixes, all of which are department or program based: for example, ES in the Department of Education Studies, SPED in the Department of Special Education, CSD in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, LMED in the Department of Education Studies. The separate prefixes make it difficult for the College to develop courses and programs that cross departmental or disciplinary lines. For example, the College has discussed developing college-level courses such as a domestic intercultural travel seminar. It has also developed an entitlement to plan a master’s degree in leadership studies for which a college-level prefix would be more appropriate than department-specific prefixes.

Therefore the College of Education and Human Sciences is proposing an additional prefix, namely, EHS. This prefix will be used for courses or programs that go beyond department boundaries. It has been approved by the faculty of the College of Education and Human Sciences.

**Points Discussed by Committee:**

The need for an additional prefix

**Pros of Recommendation:**

The new prefix would promote the creation of interdisciplinary courses and programs.

**Cons of Recommendation:**

None

**Technology/Human Resource Impact:**

The impact would depend on the number of courses/programs proposed that would use the prefix.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the proposed EHS prefix be approved.

**MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of __8__ for to __0__ against on __November 30, 2010__ (Date)
Recommends that

The University Senate approve the proposed EHS prefix in the College of Education and Human Sciences

Implementation Date: upon approval

Signed: ___Barbara Lozar__________________
        Chair of the Committee

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