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TO: Phillip Anzalone , Chair of College Council Curriculum Committee

FROM: Curriculum Subcommittee

Henry Africk (Chair), Jennifer Sears and Angran Xiao

RE: Final Report for Proposal 19–05: New Degree Program – BS Healthcare Policy and Management

PROPOSAL OVERVIEW:

A new BS degree program for students interested in a career in health who have an AS degree but no previous health care experience. It can also serve as an upper level alternative to the college’s current BS in Health Services Administration (HSA) degree for students with the AS degree in Health Science.

RATIONALE:

The existing BS in Health Services Administration (HSA) degree requires a clinical certification, or two years of full-time health care work experience or an AS degree in Health Science. This new program provides a career path in health care for students who have an AS degree but do not meet these admission standards.

STRENGTHS:

This program provides a career path in health care for students who have an AS degree but no previous health care experience. Students without a relevant associate’s degree will be considered for admission with appropriate course evaluation and academic advisement.

WEAKNESSES:

1. The current statement of admission requirements allows anyone with an AS degree to enroll in this program, even students from majors which are unrelated to health care and who lack the background for the upper level healthcare management courses. There should be some additional course requirements for students who may not be prepared for the upper level classes and an opportunity to take additional preparatory courses. One possible solution is to restructure this program as a 0-4 rather than the upper half of a 2 + 2. Then students from other majors can still enter the program at whatever level is appropriate for their background.

**REVISION COMMENTS:** Program has been modified on April 21, 2020 to a 0-4 format with a path for 2+2 students as well as transfer students, addressing the comment above.

1. There is no opportunity for students to take electives (see Table 1, p.17) which will better prepare them for some of the job opportunities listed on page 14 and Appendix F, pp. 92-97. Again, one possible solution is to restructure this program as a 0-4, where there should be room for elective courses.

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1. The description of some of the new proposed HSCI courses (see Table 2, p. 18) appear to be basically the same as existing HSA courses: HSCI 3101 = HSA 3510, HSCI 3201 = HSA 3602, HSCI 3301 = HSA 3560 and HSCI 4101 = HSA 4620.  The descriptions should be clarified to minimize the confusion.

**REVISION COMMENTS:** Courses are not the same courses as one is a clinical and one is not. It has been clarified in the Proposal.

SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The subcommittee discussed the proposal with the proposer, the provost, other members of the provost’s office and the dean. An open hearing was held on Monday, April 6, 2019.