

**University of Minnesota Board of Regents
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
February 12, 2016**

Consent Report

I. Request for Approval of New Academic Programs

▪ **College of Design (Twin Cities campus)—Create new B.S. degree in Product Design**

The College of Design on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create a new Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Product Design, effective fall 2016. The proposed degree is a creative, interdisciplinary major that blends elements of design, engineering, business, and humanities. The proposed program provides methods and tools for inventing our future in the form of innovative objects, systems, and services. In addition to design fundamentals, this program is strengthened by the sciences. Combining these disciplines allows students to design desirable products and services (both physical and digital) that are also functional, marketable, and human-centered. The proposed program enables students to take ideas from concept to reality and succeed in market.

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▪ **Law School and the Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—Create new undergraduate minor in Business Law**

The Law School and the Carlson School of Management on the Twin Cities campus request approval to create a new undergraduate minor in Business Law, effective fall 2016. The proposed minor will help students understand how law structures business entities and the environments in which they operate, and how law both enables and constrains innovation. The curriculum includes the formation and regulation of business entities, the challenges of operating in a regulated market, rules applicable to fields in which many students will work, and the intricacies of creating and managing intellectual property. Students who complete the minor will be in a better position to innovate; identify, define and solve problems; and communicate effectively in interactions with lawyers as they navigate through regulatory requirements that all businesses inevitably confront.

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▪ **Medical School (Twin Cities campus)—Create fellowship in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Transplant**

The Medical School on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create a fellowship in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Transplant effective summer 2016. The one-year program provides trainees who have completed two years of thoracic surgery training an additional year of training specializing in heart and lung transplantation. The program will include clinical experience, as well as didactic, research, and teaching components.

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II. Request for Approval of Discontinued Academic Programs

- **College of Veterinary Medicine (Twin Cities campus)—Discontinue graduate minor in Veterinary Medicine**

The College of Veterinary Medicine on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to discontinue the graduate minor in Veterinary Medicine, effective spring 2016. The current minor has not been used in many years, and there are no students in the pipeline.

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