



Date: November 5, 2021

To: Hossein Saiedian, University Senate President
Faculty in the Department
Barbara A. Bichelmeyer, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

From: Karen Moeller, Chair Academic Policies and Procedures committee

Re: Program Discontinuance in the School of Business

In Accordance with University Senate Rules and Regulations USRR 8.2, the Academic Policies and Procedures committee (AP&P) has reviewed the documentation and held an open public hearing on September 29, 2021, regarding the recommendation to discontinue the following active programs in the School of Business.

- Graduate Certificate in Pillars of Business
- Graduate Certificate in Marketing
- Graduate Certificate in Finance
- Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
- Graduate Certificate in Management and Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Foundations of Business

In the submitted documentation titled “Recommendations for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program”, the School of Business cites low enrollment in these certificate programs as reason for request of program discontinuance. Students and working professionals interested in these areas of study are still able to enroll in the online MBA program.

At the public hearing on September 29, 2021, no faculty member spoke in support or against these changes. No written statements were provided to the committee.

On October 22, 2021, the AP&P Committee met to discuss the submitted documentation and the hearing. AP&P recommends by a majority vote that the above Graduate Certificate programs in The School of Business be discontinued. The recommendation to discontinue is made with the understanding that students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees. Additionally, no faculty or staff will be terminated by this action. The committee agrees the planned changes are in the best academic interests of the University and adequate provisions have been made for present students and for the rights of faculty and staff in the program.

Documentation Reviewed by the Committee:

1. Recommendation for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program, April 2021

C: L. Paige Fields, Dean, School of Business