

Graduate Council Resolution

in Support of Creation of an M.S. in Fire Service and Homeland Security Management

RATIONALE

Whereas, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) has proposed the creation of a MS in Fire Service and Homeland Security Management to meet the needs of fire service and emergency management professionals; and

Whereas, this program will fill a growing demand for higher degrees by fire service professionals. Currently there are only 7 programs in the US which grant such degrees, and none in our region. The program's off-campus elements are designed to meet the needs of place-bound professionals in the Chicago and East St. Louis areas where demands for such degrees are highest; and

Whereas, the program is an extension of the long-running and very successful B.S. in Fire Service Management from which it will draw students and the necessary adjunct faculty. Preliminary surveys suggest demand for a higher degree will lead to consistently high enrollment in the proposed M.S; and

Whereas this program is cost-recovery, meaning student tuition revenue will cover all costs associated with the program. It will result in no new university expenditures, and likely generate tuition revenue for the university.

RESOLUTION

Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the creation of an M.S in Fire Service and Homeland Security Management.