Graduate Council Resolution in support of a New Unit of Instruction for addition of a Master of Science Degree in Supply-Chain Management and Engineering

RATIONALE

Whereas, the Colleges of Business and Engineering have proposed the addition of a 50/50 joint online interdisciplinary MS degree in Supply-Chain Management and Engineering to be implemented in the winter of 2014; and

Whereas, this degree will consist of a 36-hour, 2-year, online program delivered in 12 3-credit hour courses over 4 consecutive semesters combining business supply-chain management and logistics engineering; and

Whereas, courses will be offered by the Departments of Accounting, Management, and Marketing within the College of Business and the Department of Industrial Technology within the College of Engineering; and

Whereas, the projected first year enrollment is 10 students, increasing to 30 by the fifth year when the program is fully implemented; and

Whereas, the program will operate with a revenue-sharing model identical to the College of Business' online MBA program in which all expenses will be paid through tuition revenues and any shortfalls in the early years of the program will be covered by the Colleges of Business and Engineering; and

Whereas, there are no other residential degree programs offered in the state of Illinois similar to the proposed program;

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed NUI for the addition of an interdisciplinary **MS Degree in Supply-Chain Management and Engineering** in the Colleges of Business and Engineering.