

ACTION ITEM #12(c)

Extension of Bachelor's Degree (Erica Weintraub Austin)

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Extension of Bachelor's Degree

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve extension of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Economic Sciences to WSU Global Campus

SUBMITTED BY: Erica Weintraub Austin, Interim Co-Provost

SUPPORTING

INFORMATION: The School of Economic Sciences proposes to extend its Bachelor of Science Degree in Economic Sciences to the WSU Global Campus.

The land grant mission of the University is to extend access to education. This request is to extend the BS in Economic Sciences, Business Economics option only to the Global Campus. Delivering the degree (option) online, asynchronously, provides access to qualified place-bound and/or time-constrained individuals state-wide, nationally and internationally. Additionally, having this option available online (and hence the availability online of upper level courses including the degree Capstone course) will enable a growing number of students who initially take courses on the Pullman campus but who did not complete their degree for varying reasons to finish their degree in Economics and successfully graduate from WSU.

At a meeting on February 16, 2016, the Academic Affairs Committee approved the proposal to extend the Bachelor of Science in Economic Sciences to WSU Global Campus with an effective date of fall 2016.

The following were noted and addressed during the review process:

- Only the Business Economics option has been requested for extension
 - Applied Mathematics
- No changes were made to the existing curriculum

The proposal has support from the Provost, Budget Committee, Catalog Subcommittee, and the Library Committee. This recommendation was passed by the Faculty Senate on March 10, 2016.