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Interdisciplinary Studies—Update

October 19, 2010

Background

Program approved by:

- AU Curriculum Committee Oct. 2, 2008
- Board of Trustees Jan. 29, 2009
- ACHE June 26, 2009

Program Endorsed by AU Senate Oct. 7, 2008

Recent activities

- Director hired effective Aug. 1, 2010
- UNIV 2190 taught:
 - ✓ Fall '09 with 13 students
 - ✓ Spring '10 with 20 students
 - ✓ Fall '10 with 40 students

Current Enrollment

- First graduate in Summer, 2010
- Two students should graduate this semester
- Six students with approved plans of study
- Four students who have approved capstone projects (UNIV 4980)—two are completed, two underway
- A number of students in the pipeline

Recruitment and Promotion Activities

- **Announcement in “This Week at AU”**
- **Article in “The Plainsman”**
- **Email to students in selected programs who did not have a full schedule**
- **Presentations to groups including some UNIV courses**
- **Counseling by IDSC staff with prospective students**

Recruitment and Promotion Activities

- **Development of a preliminary brochure and website—working on updates of both**
- **Hosting an event Wednesday, Oct. 20 to bring together current and potential students with advisors and potential faculty mentors (86 people have accepted invitations to attend)**

Oversight Committee

- **Oversight committee met Aug. 30, 2010**
- **Plan to have a minimum of one meeting per semester**
- **Have established a password protected on-line site for posting student materials to facilitate committee review and comment**

Future Plans

- Visit or revisit universities with strong Interdisciplinary Studies programs
- Improve brochure and website
- Host events bringing students, faculty and advisors together every semester
- Develop a distance education version of UNIV 2190

Questions?

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