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COLLEGE OF APPLIED STUDIES

Department of Sport Management

{MEMORANDUM}

TO: University Honors Council
FROM: Mark Vermillion, Chair
Sport Management
RE: Departmental Honors—WLAL

DATE: October 18, 2020

The purpose of this brief memorandum is to officially express my support for Dr. Redger-Marquardt's work in establishing a Departmental Honors program/track within the Workforce Leadership and Applied Learning (WLAL) degree program. Additionally, I will summarize the rationale for developing such an option within the WLAL degree program.

The B.A.S. in Workforce Leadership and Applied Learning, as a degree program, officially launched in fall 2019 semester. In the past year, the degree program has grown and as classes have been developed for the major, it became obvious that there was an ecosystem within the WLAL degree program to support the Honors College's required learning objectives and work. With Dr. Redger-Marquardt's help and expertise, she discussed the possibility of creating a Departmental Honors—WLAL option for those interested students. Philosophically, there are many similarities in how the Honors College and the WLAL view educational programming, including a focus on developing an authentic and unique leadership philosophy and providing individualized educational experiences tailored to each student's needs. Dr. Redger-Marquardt also teaches within the WLAL, which provides us a unique opportunity to support her work in her dual appointment with both the College of Applied Studies and the Dorothy and Bill Cohen Honors College.

As both the WLAL Program Director and the Chair for the Sport Management Department I am very excited to see the possibilities moving forward. Additionally, I am very supportive of any and all efforts to collaborate with programs, faculty, and students outside of the College of Applied Studies.

If there is anything else that I can do to support or assist in this initiative, then please do not hesitate to reach out.