

January 14, 2022

Dr. Gerard Bradley
Interim Provost
University of Louisville

Dear Provost Bradley:

This letter is to express my full support for the proposal submitted by the Industrial Engineering (IE) department to establish a Six Sigma Black Belt Graduate Certificate that will be offered by the Engineering Management (EM) program. The addition of the Six Sigma Certificate program serves the mission of Speed School by creating an opportunity for students and professionals to have access to a continuing education program. According to market research, there is a demand for Six Sigma skill set in the job market and this demand is expected to grow in the next 10 years.

The proposal submitted for the Six Sigma Certificate program has been well researched and planned. It was reviewed and approved by the IE department in December 2021. The program will prepare students and professionals to receive the Six Sigma Black Belt Certification from the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) while taking nine EM credit hours that can be used towards a college degree. As indicated in the proposal, IISE is one of the most credible organizations that offer Six Sigma certifications. The proposed certificate will not require additional resources as all the courses required in this certificate are currently being taught in the EM program.

I offer my strongest support for this proposal for the Six Sigma Black Belt Graduate Certificate program.

Sincerely,



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Dean, J. B. Speed School of Engineering