

March 23, 2021

To: Robert S. Goldstein, Vice Provost
Office of Academic Planning and Accountability

From: David S. Owen, Interim Dean

Re: Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Ethics

I am writing to express my support for, and endorsement of, the proposal submitted by the Department of Philosophy to establish a graduate certificate in Healthcare Ethics. This proposal was endorsed by both the A&S Curriculum Committee and the A&S Faculty Assembly. This program will provide several groups the opportunity for focused ethics training related to healthcare professions: mid-career professionals in the healthcare industry, members of hospital ethics committees and institutional review boards, and current UofL graduate and professional students interested in specialized training in healthcare ethics. The program builds upon the courses already offered in the M.A. in Healthcare Ethics, and thus is revenue positive—it has only minimal expenses for library support and is expected to generate new revenue through increased enrollments in already offered courses. This certificate will advance the mission of the department, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the University by developing students' skills at ethical reasoning and thereby enhancing their capacity to serve as engaged citizens, leaders, and scholars.

Sincerely,



David S. Owen
Interim Dean