



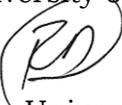
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Joe DePietro  
President, University of Tennessee

FROM: Russ Deaton 

SUBJECT: Approval of the University of Tennessee Knoxville  
Letter of Intent to Plan the Master of Laws (LL.M.)

DATE: February 25, 2015

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In accordance with THEC policies, colleges and universities are required to submit Letters of Intent for authorization to proceed with developing proposals for new academic programs and units. The THEC financial projection form for the proposed program must accompany the letter of intent to plan. Upon THEC approval to proceed with developing proposals, institutions should do so in a manner consistent with THEC policies and criteria.

Programs must document relevance to institution's mission, provide enrollment, graduation and financial projections, describe the anticipated evaluation process, document employer and student demand, and certify that the proposed program will not unnecessary duplicate existing offerings at other Tennessee public institutions. The proposal must ensure faculty sufficiency, existence of student support resources, and adequacy of library, space, equipment, and technology.

I approve University of Tennessee, Knoxville Letter of Intent to plan the Master of Laws in United States Business Law. It is understood that the proposed DrPH will be in accord with the mission at UTK will meet *Tennessee Public Agenda for Higher Education 2010-2015* degree completion and workforce development objectives, and will be implemented with existing funds.

The Letter of Intent projects implementation of an approved program in August 2016. Please be advised that the Letter of Intent itself will be posted on the THEC website for public disclosure.

cc: Dr. Katie High, UT  
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