

**FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO. 13-17**

Date: October 21, 2013

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SUBJECT: New Washburn Legal Scholars 3.5 + 3 Program

Description:

The 3.5 + 3 program is designed to enable academically talented and focused students to complete their undergraduate degree while simultaneously completing their first semester of law school.

Washburn's 3.5 + 3 program is designed to enable academically talented and focused students to complete their undergraduate degree while simultaneously completing their first semester of law school. This program is a modification of a baccalaureate degree. As there is no prelaw major, students are required to complete an existing major and to complete all other degree requirements. The program is designed so that students in the program would complete at least 109 credits toward their undergraduate degree. They would then be eligible to apply for entry to Washburn University School of Law for entry in the final semester of the senior year. In law school they would simultaneously complete the remaining 15 elective credits of undergraduate study and receive their bachelor's degree by successfully completing the first 15 credits of law school.

Rationale:

The Legal Scholars Program is offered in order to help attract well-qualified and highly motivated students to Washburn's undergraduate program and ultimately to Washburn's Law school

Financial Implications: The undergraduate side of the university will lose one semester of tuition from the predicted one or two students per annum.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2014

Request for Action: Approval by AAC/FAC/FS/Gen Fac, etc

Approved by: AAC on date **10/21/13**

FAC on date

Faculty Senate on date **10/28/13**

Attachments Yes  No