PROPOSAL: Major in Occupational Therapy

Background

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of a major in Occupational Therapy (BSOT) to be offered by the Department of Occupational Therapy in the College of Health and Human Services. This undergraduate major would essentially replace the previous 4+1 Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Health Services. The last admission to the 4+1 program took place in Spring 2020 and admissions for this program are no longer being accepted. The Bachelor of Science in OT graduates will have access to achieving certification through the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and licensure in the State of Michigan post-graduation. These credentials will dramatically enhance professional employability of our undergraduate graduates. When viewing national trends, the job outlook for OTAs is positive. Finally, the program could also be used to transition into our OTD program for those looking to continue to graduate school.

Recommended Action

Approve the creation of a major in Occupational Therapy.