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SUBJECT: Community Engagement Requirement for Graduation

Methodist College Community Engagement Purpose

I. **METHODIST COLLEGE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PURPOSE:** The purpose of Methodist College Community Engagement Program is to establish and promote community and civic engagement at the institutional level. An experiential learning foundation inclusive of reflective planning, academic study, and related engagement in the community will enhance the development of responsible graduates who are concerned with the well-being of the communities around them and promote similar community engagement within faculty and staff. These initiatives will allow stakeholders to bring community into the campus and the campus into the community through partnership of select service learning courses and student groups with community organizations,

II. **POLICY:** All undergraduate students who matriculate with Methodist College in fall 2017 and beyond must complete required Community Engagement elements, including four Service Learning courses and twenty hours of approved Community Service activities.

III. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. The Community Engagement requirements are as follow:

- a. Each academic program will designate a minimum of three required service learning courses in the curriculum as a part of the required curriculum that are approved and designated as service learning courses. These courses will always be taught in the service-learning format as approved through the Student Development Committee.
- b. Each student will select a fourth course from those offered as service learning courses at Methodist College. This could include another course in the discipline, a general education course, or another Methodist College course for which the student is eligible to enroll.
- c. Community service experiences must be pre-approved in order to meet the graduation requirement for 20 approved hours.

IV. **HONORS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Students who complete a minimum of eight Service Learning courses and who complete a minimum of 60 approved hours of community service will receive this award at graduation.