December 10, 2019

Dr. Julio Facelli, President, Academic Senate

383 S. University Street, Room 3254

Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Dear Dr. Facelli:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed certificate in Veterans Studies. This proposal designed by Paul Morgan and Amy Bergerson reflects the best intent of both of their offices—Veterans Support Center and the Student Success and Empowerment Program—to support the success of students. It is based on the hope that a certificate that focuses on the varied experiences of veterans during a time of war and the aftermath, will produce an informed, empathetic and committed support network. The certificate would work well with a broad range of majors such as psychology, social work, human services, business, or public health. It is intended to prepare students to engage in work with some of the 18.2 million veterans in the US today. Students will choose classes from a list that includes military and veteran history, culture, and social issues.

There are only three other institutions in the country that offer Veterans Studies certificates or minors, and none are in the Rocky Mountain West. The University of Utah would be the first, and it would fulfill the institutions mission of preparing students “for lives of impact as leaders and citizens.”

Undergraduate Studies is pleased to be able to host this certificate and believes it has great potential for the future.

Best regards,



Martha Bradley Evans, PhD

Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Senior Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

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