

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Changes to Department of Health, Leisure and Sports, University of Iowa
Date: March 4, 2002

Recommended Actions:

1. Approve the division of the faculty of the Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies at the University of Iowa into two administrative groups;
 2. Approve the division and renaming of the Department's current degree programs.
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Executive Summary:

Proposed
Division

The University of Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences proposes to divide the faculty of the current Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies into two administrative groups:

- ◆ Leisure Studies would be an independent program within the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs (the Program of Leisure Studies).
- ◆ The Department of Health and Sport Studies would continue to function as a department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

This move will create two stronger and more focused units. The move can be accomplished with no disruption to current students and at no additional cost to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Reviewed by
Board Office
and ICEC

This proposal was reviewed by the Board Office and the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC) and is recommended for approval.

Background:

Rationale

In 1993, a merger created the Department of Sport, Health, Leisure and Physical Studies. In 1999 the department was renamed the Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies. While a merger of leisure studies and sport studies seemed logical, strong philosophical and paradigmatic differences remained concerning professional preparation and curricular content. These fundamental issues made meaningful integration of these programs problematic. Students in both programs will be better served if the curricula and program focuses are reoriented to maximize faculty strengths and student needs. Students will be able to clearly identify the program in which they are interested.

Division and
Renaming of
Degree Programs

The Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies currently offers B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. programs in Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies, each with several tracks. These degree programs will be divided and renamed.

New Tracks

The Program in Leisure Studies will offer:

- ◆ a B.S. in Leisure Studies with an emphasis in therapeutic Recreation; and
- ◆ an M.A. in Leisure Studies with two subtracks: Therapeutic Recreation and Leisure, and Recreational Sport Management.

These tracks represent a revision of the current Sport and Leisure Management M.A. subtrack.

New
Configuration

In the new configuration:

- ◆ The Department of Health and Sport Studies will offer a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Health and Sport Studies.
- ◆ The current B.S. degree will be changed to a B.A. degree in Health and Sport Studies with two tracks: one in Health Promotion and the other in Sport Studies.
- ◆ The M.A. in Health and Sport Studies will offer two subtracks: one in Psychology of Sport and Health Behavior (a renaming of the current Health Promotion subtrack), and the other in Sport Studies (renaming of the current Cultural Studies of Sport and Leisure).
- ◆ The Department will no longer offer a separate program in Athletic Administration, which was part of the Sport and Leisure Management subtrack. Instead, students interested in Athletic Administration will be able to elect program options within Sport Studies.
- ◆ The Ph.D. in Health and Sport Studies will have two subtracks, one called Sport Studies (a renaming of the current Cultural Studies of Sport and Leisure subtrack) and one called Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (a renaming of the current Sport Psychology track).

- ◆ A current subtrack in Athletic Administration will be made an area of emphasis within the Sport Studies subtrack.
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Currently Enrolled
Students

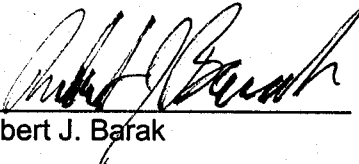
Enrolled students may continue in their current programs:

- ◆ All courses necessary for the current programs will be maintained until current students graduate or until the sunset date is reached (four years after implementation of the changes).
- ◆ Current students may choose to move into the revised programs each unit will offer.

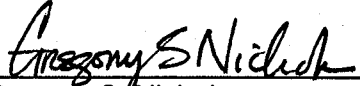
Students who pursue either option will be able to remain on track for graduation. The realignment should have no impact on enrollments.

Regent
Program Review
Questions

Responses to the Regent Questions for New Programs are attached, pages 4-6.



Robert J. Barak

Approved: 

Gregory S. Nichols

Responses to the Regents "New Programs" Questions

Although these proposals do not create "new" programs, we have used the Regents "New Programs Questions" as a way to organize additional information on the changes we are requesting.

1. Need: How will this proposed program further the educational and curriculum needs of the students in this discipline? How does it further the educational and curriculum needs of other units in the college or university?

These changes will create two stronger and more focused units, which will no longer need to spend time and energy in attempting to create a synergy that, though hoped for, never developed in the eight years of the joint department. Students will be able to clearly identify the programs in which they are interested. We expect the Program in Leisure Studies to develop strong interdisciplinary ties with other units in the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs, especially the Aging Studies Program and with other units, like Social Work. Faculty in the Department of Health and Sport Studies will continue to work with other College programs, from Psychology and Sociology to Women's Studies. We also expect there to be some continued interaction between the two "new" units.

2. a. What programs in this field of study are available in other colleges and universities in Iowa? b. With what representatives of these programs have you consulted in developing this proposal? Provide a summary of the reactions of each institution consulted. c. In what ways is this proposed program similar to those mentioned in 2a? In what ways is it different or does it have a different emphasis? d. How does the proposed program supplement the current programs available? e. Has the possibility of some kind of interinstitutional program or other cooperative effort been explored? What are the results of this study? f. Please list the Iowa institutions in which articulation agreements are being developed for the proposed program (NOTE: This applies only to community college degree programs which may transfer students to this program.)

Because we are not proposing new programs, only realigning some current programs and resources, we have not reviewed the state's current programs nor consulted other Iowa institutions.

g. Please provide the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code for the proposed program.

The current CIP code for the Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies is 31.1314, but that coding reflects a previous incarnation of the department when it provided education for physical education. A more appropriate CIP number for the Department of Health and Sport Studies could be 31.0599. The CIP code for the Program in Leisure Studies could be 31.0301 [Note: we are using the 1990 edition of the CIP code; a new volume with edited codes will be available soon.]

3. Please estimate the enrollment in this program for the next five years.

We do not expect the realignment to have an impact on enrollments. The same number of students who would have entered the Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies will enter the Department of Health and Sport Studies and the Program in Leisure Studies.

4. Please provide any available data or information on employment opportunities available to graduates of this program in Iowa and nationally.

Like question #3, this question is not applicable to the realignment. The same employment opportunities will exist for students after the change as exist now.

5. Are there accreditation standards for this program? What is the accreditation organization?

The National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) has already accredited the therapeutic recreation track within the Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies. The Program in Leisure Studies will continue to apply for accreditation from the NCTRC. We do not expect the administrative realignment to affect the program's accreditation status. The other programs in the two units are not accredited.

6. Does the proposed program meet minimum national standards for the program, e.g., Council of Graduate Schools or other such bodies?

The administrative realignment will not have any effects on the individual programs that would require review by any external bodies.

7. Please report any reactions of the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education.

None—again, the administrative realignments will not affect the course and program offerings.

Additional Resource Needs

1. Please estimate the probable marginal increases in expenditures that may be necessary as a result of the adoption of this program for the next three years.

There will be no increase in expenditures. The administrative changes will be accommodated by a division of the current resources into two parts. No new resources will be available to either unit.

2. Describe the nature and justification for the additional resource needs. N/A

3. How is it anticipated that the additional resource needs will be provided?

Not applicable, no new resources will be allocated for the realignment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Provisions for current students

Currently enrolled students may continue in their current programs. All courses necessary for the current programs will be maintained until current students graduate (or until the College's "sunset" date of four years after the implementation of the changes).

Current students may choose to move into the revised programs each unit will offer. Because the programs in each unit will be streamlined, and because all courses currently offered in Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies will continue to be offered by either the Department of Health and Sport Studies or the Program in Leisure Studies, students who pursue either option will experience no difficulty remaining on track for graduation.

Summary of Proposals for the Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College propose the following changes to the current Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies and the programs offered by that department. These changes recreate a situation that existed before 1993, when faculty and programs were merged to create the current department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies. We ask that these proposals be approved for implementation beginning Fall Semester, 2002.

I. Divide the faculty into two administrative groups and rename the groups. One group will become the Department of Health and Sport Studies. The other group will become the Program in Leisure Studies. The Department of Health and Sport Studies will continue to function as a department within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Program in Leisure Studies will become a constituent group within the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Department of Health and Sport Studies will retain 028: as its departmental/course-offering number; a new course-offering number will be needed for the Leisure Studies Program (perhaps 104, which was used by the unit before 1993).

II. Divide and rename the current degree programs within the Department of Health, Leisure, and Sport Studies. Currently, the department offers B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. programs in Health, Leisure and Sport Studies, each with several tracks. In the new configuration, the two units will independently offer the existing tracks, renamed and reconstituted as described below.

In the Department of Health and Sport Studies

- a) a B.A. in Health and Sport Studies, with two tracks, one in Health Promotion and one in Sport Studies
- b) a M.A. in Health and Sport Studies, with two subtracks, one in Psychology of Sport and Health Behavior (a renaming of the current Health Promotion subtrack) and one in Sport Studies (a renaming of the current Cultural Studies of Sport and Leisure). The department will no longer offer a separate program in athletic administration, which was part of the Sport and Leisure Management subtrack. Instead students interested in athletic administration will be able to elect program options within Sport Studies
- c) a Ph.D. in Health and Sport Studies, with two subtracks, one called Sport Studies (a renaming of the current Cultural Studies of Sport and Leisure subtrack) and one called Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (a renaming of the current Sport Psychology track). A current subtrack in Athletic Administration will be made an area of emphasis within the Sport Studies subtrack.

Note: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will also ask the Department of Health and Sport Studies to continue to administer the Physical Education Skills program that is part of the General Education Program, and to continue the on-going project to reorganize that area.

In the Leisure Studies Program

- a) a B.S. in Leisure Studies with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation
- b) a M.A. in Leisure Studies with two subtracks, Therapeutic Recreation and Leisure and Recreational Sport Management. These tracks represent a revision of the current Sport and Leisure Management MA subtrack.