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PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATION
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN STUDIES IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER
SCIENCES PROGRAM AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Studies in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Executive Summary: The request to discontinue the program is based on lack of student enrollment. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. There are no objections to the program discontinuance.

Background:

- ◇ This degree was discontinued in 1999 and inadvertently not submitted for approval at that time. The termination of the degree resulted from the merger of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences with two other departments which became the Department of Apparel, Educational Studies, and Hospitality Management.
- ◇ Enrollment in the program was small, with only six majors, in 1998-99. The last student graduated from the program in 2001-02.
- ◇ The program was last listed in the ISU Catalog in 1997-99. In the 1999-2001 Catalog, Studies in Family and Consumer Sciences was listed as a primary option in the curriculum in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies.
- ◇ In the 2005-2007 Catalog, the name was changed to "Professional Studies," one of three options of the curriculum in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies. This option meets the same needs as the previous major.
- ◇ The enrollment numbers did not sustain the program as a stand-alone major.
- ◇ There is no other similar undergraduate major at the Regent universities; however, the minimal student interest can be met through the option offered by ISU in the curriculum.
- ◇ A phase-out of the program will not be necessary because there are no students currently enrolled.
- ◇ This request is consistent with the Board of Regents' strategy (4.1.1) to "pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services."

Details about the program discontinuance are available in the Board Office.