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PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

Action Requested: Consider recommending to the Board that the proposed program terminations be approved.

Executive Summary:

- UNI is requesting approval to suspend admissions to and terminate its Specialist in Science Education graduate major and its M.A. in Physics Education.
- ISU is requesting approval to suspend admissions to and terminate the M.S and Ph.D. in Nutritional Physiology and the M.S and Ph.D. in Human Nutrition.
- Board of Regents policy (§ 6.17) requires Board approval of academic program terminations. Board policy also indicates that a program may not be terminated until after the last student has completed the program requirements.
- The Board Office and the Council of Provosts have reviewed these requests and recommend approval. The universities' proposals are on file in the Board Office.

Background:

Specialist in Science Education graduate major at UNI. The degree is a post-master's degree that focuses on the study of applied instruction, administration, counseling, and curriculum development in science education. Demand for the degree program has eroded. The program currently enrolls one student. UNI continues to offer the M.A. in Science Education and demand for graduate work beyond the master's level is met by the university's Ed. D. program in Curriculum and Instruction.

M.A. in Physics Education at UNI. No students are currently enrolled in the program. The university's M.A. program in Science Education—Physics Education Emphasis addresses the need formerly met by the program to be terminated.

M.S and Ph.D. in Nutritional Physiology and M.S and Ph.D. in Human Nutrition at ISU. These programs would be replaced by new interdepartmental M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Nutritional Science, which are proposed for Board approval in March, 2006 as a separate agenda item (Item 4e).

The requested program terminations would be contingent upon the approval by the Board of the proposed consolidated programs in Nutritional Science. Current students will have the option to either continue in their current programs or enter the new interdepartmental program in Nutritional Science.

All of the programs' current resources, including faculty and staff, will be redirected to the new interdepartmental programs.