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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE MASTER OF ARTS IN LEISURE STUDIES AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Action Requested: Approve the request by the University of Iowa to terminate the Master of Arts in Leisure Studies in the Graduate College.

The Council of Provosts and Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

Background:

Description of program. The Master of Arts program in Leisure Studies housed two emphasis areas: Therapeutic Recreation and Recreation Administration.

Reason for proposed termination. There has been little interest in this degree from student applicants to the department. There have been no admissions to that degree program since Fall 2017.

Five-year trend in enrollments and graduations.

| | # of Leisure Studies (MA) applications | # of Leisure Studies (MA) graduates |
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| 2013-2014 | 14 | 7 |
| 2014-2015 | 5 | 10 |
| 2015-2016 | 14 | 5 |
| 2016-2017 | 17 | 11 |
| 2017-2018 | 2 | 14 |

Effect on current students. There are currently no applications to the program, and all admitted students have completed their degrees. The University of Iowa continues to offer Master of Science in Health and Human Physiology (Child Life) and and Master of Arts in Sport and Recreation Management.

Impact on resources. There are no anticipated cost savings or changes in resource allocation.

Impact on workforce. Student interest in the Therapeutic Recreation subprogram migrated to the Health and Human Physiology Child Life MS. Likewise, student interest in the Leisure and Recreational Sport Management migrated to the MA in Sport and Recreation Management. Now that both populations are being served by free-standing academic programs within the Department of Health and Human Physiology, there is little interest in the Leisure Studies program. The termination of this degree will therefore not affect the workforce in the state.

Alternative programs. Students will have similar opportunities at other Iowa institutions. University of Northern Iowa has an MA program in Leisure, Youth and Human services that offers emphasis areas in Therapeutic Recreation and Recreation Administration.

Effective date of termination. August 2019.