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REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: MASTER OF ARTS IN LEISURE, YOUTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND RECREATION

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the program name from the Master of Arts in Leisure, Youth and Human Services to Master of Arts in Community Health and Recreation.

The Council of Provosts and Board Office reviewed this request and recommend approval.

Background:

Description of program. The College of Education has merged two different Master of Art (MA) programs, Health and Recreation, under this renamed major.

Proposed name. Master of Arts in Community Health and Recreation

Reason for proposed change. The new MA in Community Health and Recreation will provide an academic degree program that is on par with the evolving dynamics associated with both the health and recreation fields. The current trends indicate that a synergistic combination of the two fields leads to better prepared students who are working in the nonprofit, private/commercial and public/government sectors.

Consistency with accreditation requirements. There are no relevant accreditation requirements for the MA program.

Effect on program configuration. The Leisure, Youth and Human Services MA is currently 33-36 hours. The new program is 33 hours.

Effect on students. The proposed change will not affect current students. The students in the current MA program will have the ability to finish out their courses of study.

Effect on resources. There are no changes needed to facilities, faculty or department funds.

Date of implementation. Upon approval by the Board of Regents.