

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Proposal to Merge the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies; Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management; and Textiles and Clothing into the Department of Apparel, Educational Studies, and Hospitality Management

Date: April 9, 2001

Recommended Action:


Refer Iowa State University's proposal, to merge the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies; Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management; and Textiles and Clothing into one department to be named the Department of Apparel, Educational Studies, and Hospitality Management, to the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC) and the Board Office for review and recommendation.

Executive Summary:

Iowa State University is requesting approval to merge three departments within the College of Family and Consumer Sciences into one department to be named the Department of Apparel, Educational Studies, and Hospitality Management.

This merger is recommended by the University as a coordinated and efficient way to organize the resources in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. With the exception of one undergraduate degree option – the international studies option in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies – no curricular changes are proposed at this time. Each curriculum will retain its identity. (There are no students currently enrolled in the Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies international option, so no students will be affected by this proposal.) The merger has promise for building relationships between the business-based programs and for targeting faculty effort on the delivery of academic programs in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Overall, the merger will result in increased administrative efficiency for the college and its faculty and is in the spirit of developing more collaborative efforts within the college.



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