MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Discontinuation of the Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing
        Iowa State University
Date: December 4, 2000

Recommended Action:

Approve the discontinuation of the Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing.

Executive Summary:

Iowa State University is requesting approval to discontinue the Interdepartmental
Graduate Minor in Housing program. The curriculum committees of all colleges
affected by this discontinuation have approved the request. The discontinuation
has also been approved by the Graduate College Curriculum Committee, the
Faculty Senate and University administration.

Enrollment in the program is declining and no significant resources would be
saved as a result of the action. Discontinuation will have no impact on the
college or University.

Attached is the proposal for discontinuation.

 Robert J. Barak  
 Approved:  Frank J. Stork

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A PROPOSAL FOR DISCONTINUATION
Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing
Fall, 2000

1. Name of administrator, department or group originating the proposal:
   Supervisory Committee:
   Christine C. Cook, Human Development and Family Studies, chair
   Sue R. Crull, Human Development and Family Studies
   Robert Findlay, Architecture
   Dorothy L. Fowles, Art & Design - Interior Design
   Vern Ryan, Sociology

2. Name of Program: Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing

3. Name of the department(s) which administers the program: The
   administration of the Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing program is
   through its supervisory committee. Membership on the supervisory
   committee is by self-nomination or nomination. Over the last 10 years, the
   supervisory committee has been primarily composed of faculty from the
   College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the College of Design, and
   less frequently from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

   More broadly, the administration of the Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in
   Housing, as with other interdepartmental minors, is through the Graduate
   College.

4. Rationale for discontinuation: Over the last 10 years, there has been little
   new faculty or student involvement in the interdepartmental minor.

5. Availability of similar programs at other Regent's institutions. There is
   not a similar program at other Regent's institutions.

6. Enrollment data for current and previous four years. The
   Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing serves a very small number of
   graduate students. According to our records, enrollments for the current and
   previous four years:

   2000-2001  1
   1999-2000  4
   1999-1998  6
   1998-1997  7

7. Information required by the Board of Regents:
   a. A survey of students currently enrolled in a program to determine
      the impact of the discontinuance on their academic plans. There is
only one student who has filed a POS and is enrolled in the Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing. She is scheduled to be completed with her degree in Interior Design and Minor in Housing by Fall 2001. She will in no way be affected by the minor's termination.

b. On the basis of the data collected, a projection of faculty and staff needed to accommodate student needs. Not applicable

c. A description of the amount of money, if any, that would become available for redirection. There are none.

d. A description of the impact the discontinuance will have on other programs offered by and the overall mission of the institution. There is no apparent impact.

e. A description of the impact on minorities and on women. None.

f. A description of the potential faculty and staff reductions or reassignments. There are no reductions or reassignments resulting from the discontinuation of the program.

g. A description of how existing facilities and equipment freed by a discontinuance would be utilized. Not applicable