

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:

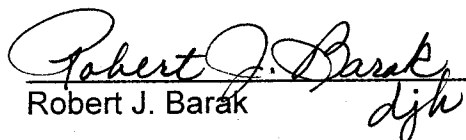
Approve the discontinuation of the Interdepartmental Graduate Minor in Housing.

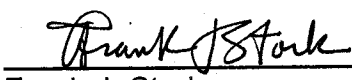
Executive Summary:

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

**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**