

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents

**From:** Board Office

**Subject:** Post-Audit Report on Master of Family and Consumer Sciences at Iowa State University.

**Date:** January 31, 2000

**Recommended Action:**

Receive the report and approve continuance of Master of Family and Consumer Sciences at Iowa State University.

**Executive Summary:**

The Post-Audit Review Policy of the Board of Regents requires that all newly approved programs be evaluated five years after initial approval (Regent Procedural Guide § 6.07). The purpose of this policy is to see if programs meet the purposes and objectives that the program was intended to serve. This policy is carried-out in direct response to KRA 1.0.0.0 and KRA 4.0.0.0 of the Board of Regents Strategic Plan, to ensure quality academic programs and provide effective stewardship. In 1994, the Board gave preliminary approval to the Master of Family and Consumer Sciences at Iowa State University. A Post-Audit Review Report on this program has been prepared by Iowa State University and is presented in compliance with the Post-Audit Review Policy.

The Post-Audit Report indicates that the program meets the Board's criteria for Post-Audit Review. A comprehensive review of the report indicates that the program meets an educational need for students and it continues to be a viable program.

This report was reviewed by the Board Office and the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination and it is recommended that the program be continued.

This Masters program was established to meet the entry-level degree requirements in many areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Three objectives we noted in the 1994 program proposal are:

- (a) To offer a professional Master's degree both on- and off-campus. This degree would not require a thesis or a creative component, but would require additional course work and an integrative written and oral final examination instead of the thesis or creative component. The degree would fit the needs of those who need to be critical consumers and disseminators of research, but not producers of research.
- (b) To extend this degree to off-campus sites to meet the needs of geographically-bound students that desire a Master's degree related to Family and Consumer Sciences.
- (c) To enhance the skills of those holding the Bachelor's degree, such that they may meet requirements of their present jobs or in order to progress in their careers.

**Background:**

Attached are the responses to the Board of Regents Post-Audit Review questions.

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Robert J. Barak

Approved:

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Frank J. Stork