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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate

FROM: Denise Wilson, Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee

RE: Executive Summary – Proposal from the School of Kinesiology and Recreation for a New Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence in the Masters in Kinesiology and Recreation

The Graduate Curriculum Committee approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence (ACED) in the Master of Science in Kinesiology and Recreation.

The School of Kinesiology and Recreation provided the following rationale for adding this new sequence:

- The development of this sequence is in response to outreach efforts made by the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development at Illinois State University with the intent of preparing students for management positions in recreation, parks, and tourism as effective community and economic development professionals.
- Through a combination of coursework, research, and hands-on experience in the areas of management, marketing, and finance, graduates will be uniquely positioned to work in a wide variety of leadership roles in non-government organizations and in community, state, and federal government.
- The mission of the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development is to promote community and economic development in the U.S. and abroad. As such, the center has established the ACED sequence in the Departments of Economics, Politics and Government, and Sociology where several of the Kinesiology and Recreation ACED courses will be taken.
- Due to the specialized nature of this sequence, it is expected that no more than two students per year will enroll in the KNR ACED sequence. Therefore, this small increase in student enrollment will have minimal financial effect on the other participating departments offering courses for this new sequence. No additional courses will be added and no additional staffing will be needed to operate the program.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the new Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence in the Major in Kinesiology and Recreation.

Attachments

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