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TO: Daniel Holland, Chairperson, Academic Senate  
FROM: Mark Temple, Chair, University Curriculum Committee MAT  
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for the New Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education Sequence

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Teacher Education Sequence to the Major in Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has given a reasonable rationale for adding the new sequence:

- Currently, the family and consumer sciences teacher education curriculum is part of the Human Development and Family Resources sequence within the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. This is a teacher preparation program leading to licensure as a family and consumer sciences teacher at the secondary level.
- Requirements for teacher education are sufficiently different from other specializations within the Human Development and Family Resources Sequence and the department believes that justifies a separate sequence for teacher education.
- Changes in the structure and timing of the student teaching experience are in response to feedback from cooperating teachers and students.
- Changes in course requirements are designed to better align with State of Illinois content area standards and to better prepare family and consumer sciences teacher education students in interior and environmental design and apparel merchandising and design, deficiencies that have been noted by cooperating teachers (in regards to the existing teacher education specialization).
- Proposed changes should have no effect on other existing programs.

In conjunction with the proposal for the new sequence, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences also proposed a revision to the Human Development and Family Resources Sequence to remove the teacher education specialization and to add a course to give students more training in the content area. Those changes will be implemented once the new sequence is approved.

The University Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add this new sequence.

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Attachments