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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate  
FROM: Mark Temple, Chair, University Curriculum Committee <sup>MAT</sup>  
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for the New Family and Consumer Sciences General Sequence

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new General 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:

- Most comprehensive programs such as the Major in Family and Consumer Sciences provide a more generalist tract for students wishing for a broad background. While the majority of the students in the programs in Family and Consumer Sciences wish to study one of the more specialized (and yet integrated) areas of study, adding this general sequence will allow students to obtain a broader background in Family and Consumer Sciences, if that is their objective.
- The general sequence is also an option for students who, late in their college careers, are unable to finish their more specialized Family and Consumer Sciences program and wish to complete their degrees in the department, rather than transferring to another department. The general sequence will allow them to use the credits they have already achieved and finish with the credentials of a Family and Consumer Sciences generalist.
- This sequence area will be very small in terms of enrollment and will draw on courses already being offered for other Family and Consumer Sciences degree programs.
- Proposed changes should have no effect on other existing programs.

In conjunction with this proposal, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences proposes changing four of the other sequences in the major into four separate major degree programs. There are four individual proposals and executive summaries for each of the new majors being proposed. Only the General Sequence and the Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education Sequence will remain in the Major in Family and Consumer Sciences once the new majors are approved.

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

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