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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate

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RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for the New Family and Consumer Sciences B.A., B.S. in Human Development and Family Science

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Major in Human Development and Family Science, B.A., B.S.

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

- As part of a recent program review, the department investigated programs at comparable institutions nationwide and found that most institutions of similar size had Human Development and Family Sciences programs as stand-alone degree programs housed within more comprehensive departments (like Family and Consumer Sciences).
- Family and Consumer Sciences faculty decided that changing the Human Development and Family Resources Sequence to a B.A., B.S. in Human Development and Family Science will make the program more competitive in student and faculty recruitment, and in obtaining grants.
- The degree requirements for the program have been modified (from what is required in the sequence) in terms of changes to the Family and Consumer Sciences core, and also the addition and revision of courses. The department will submit proposals to delete several courses so that the total number of courses offered by the department for this program will not increase.
- The name of the program is being changed from the title of the sequence, Human Development and Family Resources, to Human Development and Family Science to reflect the terminology used in the field.
- Students will be transitioned into this new program which allows more flexibility than the current sequence. Time to degree will be preserved for all current students.

In conjunction with this proposal, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences proposes changing three additional sequences in the major to be three separate major degree programs. There are four individual proposals and executive summaries for each of the new majors being proposed. The current Human Development and Family Resources Sequence will be disestablished once the new Major in Human Development and Family Science, B.A., B.S. is approved.

The University Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add this new major degree program.

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