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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-016-189

New Option in Nutrition and Health in the B.S. in Nutrition

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 02/13/2019

Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded

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Academic Senate

Date: 09/25/2019  
First Reading

**BACKGROUND:** The department of Nutrition and Food Science has proposed a new option in Nutrition and Health. This option will replace the current Nutrition and Health emphasis (an additional referral will be forwarded to the Senate for discontinuing the emphasis), and will exist alongside the Dietetics Option and Nutrition Science Option.

**RESOURCES CONSULTED:**

Deans  
Associate Deans  
Department Chairs  
All Faculty

**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the new Option in Nutrition and Health is to prepare for upcoming changes in the DPD requirements enforced by ACEND, the accrediting body for the program. In 2024, students in the DPD program will be required to complete 900 experience hours. The department's projection is that there will be fewer students in the DPD program because of this very restrictive requirement. Therefore, the new option allows another outlet for students that want to study nutrition and health without being in the DPD program. A separate referral for changes to the DPD curriculum will be sent to the Senate once the 2024 ACEND requirements are finalized.

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee in the College of Agriculture as well as the Dean of Agriculture and the Office of Academic Programs. All concerns raised at those levels were addressed. The Dean's office of the Huntley College of Agriculture is in support of the proposed option.

The Academic Programs Committee then conducted campus-wide consultation, as well as its own review of the program. A concern was raised by the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion. Two issues were highlighted. The first issue was the name. The Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion felt that the proposed name overlapped with their programs in Health Promotion. The second was the impact on the department with regard to the KIN courses proposed in the new Nutrition option, especially KN 3030/L. A meeting between the departments occurred to discuss possible solutions. It was agreed that the name be changed back to Nutrition and Health Option rather than Nutrition and Wellness.

There was also concern by Kinesiology that there would be significant impact on the KIN students if the KIN3030/L course was required of all students in the Nutrition and Health option. It was agreed that KIN3030/L move to the list of "suggested" rather than "required" courses. In return, KIN3010 would move to "required" rather "suggested."

Finally, there was concern that including KIN 4650 (Health Promotion Program Planning) on the list of electives for the option might increase demand beyond levels that the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion can meet while serving their own majors. It was agreed that impacts on enrollment will be reviewed, and in event of

a problem the departments will confer to determine which department, Nutrition or Kinesiology, should develop a new course to substitute for KIN 4650 in the Nutrition and Health Option.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval the new option BS in Nutrition – Nutrition and Health Option with three changes made to the original referral.

1) The name should change to BS in Nutrition – Nutrition and Health Option. 2) KIN 3030/L should move from the required course list to the suggested course list and KIN 3010 be moved from suggested to required. 3) The Health Promotion Program Planning course should be monitored for impact on the Kinesiology department.

The recommended curriculum is shown in the revised referral (separate file).