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REPORT TO
THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-013-256

Footwear Design and Merchandising Minor – Discontinuation

Academic Programs Committee: 11/19/2025

Executive Committee – Date Received and Forwarded: 04/08/2026

Academic Senate – Date: 04/15/2026

First Reading

Academic Senate – Date: 05/06/2026

Second Reading

BACKGROUND:

This referral requests the discontinuation of the Footwear Design and Merchandising minor. The minor has not been active in recent academic years, with no course offerings and no student enrollment.

The program no longer contributes to student learning outcomes or departmental goals. Existing curriculum in apparel design, product development, textiles, and merchandising continues to provide comprehensive and relevant instruction without reliance on the inactive minor.

Given the absence of enrollment, course activity, and FTES generation, the minor is not cost-effective and does not justify continued allocation of instructional resources.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

- College Deans
- Department Chairs

Consultation identified no concerns or conflicts.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee reviewed the proposal and found clear justification for discontinuation based on lack of enrollment, absence of course offerings, and no measurable contribution to program outcomes. Discontinuation will not impact faculty workload or employment, as no current instructional resources are allocated to the minor.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the discontinuation of the Footwear Design and Merchandising minor.