A PROPOSAL FOR DISCONTINUATION

Minor in Health Studies

Fall, 2001

1. Name of Administrator, department or group originating the proposal:

Jerry Thomas, Health and Human Performance, Chair Frank Schabel, Coordinator of Health Studies Health and Human Performance Curriculum Committee

2. Name of Program: Health Studies Minor

3. Name of the department(s) which administers the program:

The administration of the Minor in Health Studies program is through the Department of Health and Human Performance.

- **4. Rationale for discontinuation:** Although the Health Studies minor is quite popular, the number of faculty available to teach required courses has decreased from four full-time educators to one full-time educator since 1995.
- **5. Availability of similar programs at other Regent's institutions.** UNI has a Health Education Teaching Minor and a Health Promotion Minor.
- **6. Enrollment data for current and previous four years.** Currently, there are more than 200 undergraduate students enrolled in the Minor in Health Studies. The number graduating in the previous six years are as follows:

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2001 27 (not including Fall 2001)
2000 43
1999 47
1998 45
1997 21
1996 27
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7. Information required by the Board of Regents:

a. Impact of the discontinuance on undergraduate student academic plans of enrolled students.

All students currently enrolled in this Health Studies minor will be able to complete this minor because no required courses are eliminated. Most current students enrolled in the Health Studies minor are majors in the Department of Health and Human Performance and will still be able to complete the Health Studies Minor course of study.

b. On the basis of the data collected, a projection of faculty and staff needed to accommodate student needs.

One additional full-time educator would be necessary to accommodate student needs.

c. A description of the amount of money, if any, that would become available for redirection.

There is none.

d. A description of the impact the discontinuance will have on other programs offered by and the overall mission of the institution.

There is an impact to the institution. Students outside the Health and Human Performance Department currently have difficulty enrolling in the Health Studies Minor courses because of the lack of funding for enough faculty to teach required minor courses and space availability. Resources have been reallocated to the new PhD program in the Health and Human Performance Department and to deliver new courses to the increasing number of new majors within the department. In addition, there has been a loss of Health Studies faculty (items #4 and 7-c, above) resulting in the inability of offering the HS minor to students in different majors.

- **e.** A description of the impact on minorities and women. None.
- **f.** A description of the potential faculty and staff reductions or reassignments. There are no reductions or reassignments resulting from the discontinuation of the program.
- g. A description of how existing facilities and equipment freed by a discontinuance would be utilized.

Not applicable.