## **Proposal for Discontinuation of the B.S.** in Community Health Education **Department of Health and Human Performance Iowa State University**

- 1. Name of administrator: Jerry R. Thomas, Chair
- 2. Name of the program: B.S. in Community Health Education
- 3. Name of Department: Health and Human Performance
- 4. Rationale for discontinuation: The Department currently has about 825 majors, of which about 70 are in the Community Health Education program. Over the years, Departmental objectives have moved away from this program in large part because a similar program is available at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the School of Public Health at the University of Iowa. It is difficult to attract the needed quality of faculty in this area without a graduate program, and we continue to have turnover.

In a separate proposal we are seeking a name change of our other undergraduate degree program from B.S. in Exercise and Sport Science to B.S. in Health and Human Performance. In this process we will establish an option in Community and Public Health (needs approval at the University level only) within the B.S. in Health and Human Performance. We can appropriately accommodate the future interest of students in community health education with this option. This change allows us to continue to provide opportunities for students interested in community health education while attracting faculty who will have the opportunity to work in our graduate programs in health and human performance (M.S., M.Ed., Ph.D.). We have one full-time tenured faculty member and several temporary faculty members in community health education. Our full-time faculty member with a small amount of temporary help can cover the option in community health education in the renamed degree.

- 5. Availability of similar programs at the Regents' institutions: B.S. degrees at the University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa
- 6. Enrollment data for the current year and for the previous four years:
  - a. 2001-02 71 b. 2000-01 88 79
  - c. 1999-00
  - d. 1998-99 77
- 7. Information required by Board of Regents:
  - a. In a survey of the 42 Community Health Education students who are not yet in their senior year in this degree, 37 (88%) responded. Of the 37, 36 indicated they would complete the program as it now stands. One

- indicated they would transfer to another ISU program; none said they would leave ISU.
- b. Projection of faculty and staff needed to accommodate currently enrolled students: Our current full-time faculty member and a couple of temporary faculty members are sufficient to accommodate currently enrolled students so they can complete their degrees.
- c. We estimate that about \$9000 to \$10,000 per year will be saved by not hiring as many temporary faculty. We will redirect this funding in support of the renamed degree, B.S. in Health and Human Performance, to help with this heavily over-subscribed degree. With this change, total enrollment in this degree will be about 825 undergraduate students.
- d. There will be no effects on other programs offered by the University.
- e. There will be no effects on minorities and women.
- f. A full-time tenured faulty member will be reassigned to teach in the community and pubic health option within the renamed degree, B.S. in Health and Human Performance. Two temporary and part-time faculty will no longer be needed.
- g. There will be no effects on facilities and equipment in HHP.