SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

ACADEMIC MATTERS, ACADEMIC PRIORITIES AND
PROGRAM AND BUDGET COUNCILS

concerning a

REVISION TO SUSPEND THE MINOR IN NUTRITION

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This proposal calls for suspending the minor in Nutrition. The department has found it difficult to plan courses that accommodate all of its majors along with the students who indicate an interest in the minor. Moreover, few of the students who express interest in the minor actually complete it. Under this proposal the department will cease to offer the minor to new students. Students currently in the process of completing the minor will be allowed to continue.

At its meeting on October 21, 2015, the Academic Matters Council voted unanimously to recommend Faculty Senate approval of the proposal to suspend the minor in Nutrition. It was submitted as proposal #1912 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

ACADEMIC PRIORITIES COUNCIL

Proposal # 1912 is to suspend the Nutrition Minor. The Nutrition major is growing rapidly. As the faculty try to anticipate the maximum size that will be needed for classes they find that requests from students stating an intent to minor in Nutrition are increasing. These requests make schedule planning difficult. They have found that very few students actually graduate with a minor in nutrition despite a high demand from prospective minor students for some of their courses (8 for one course for fall 2015). The proposal that the Nutrition department no longer offer a Nutrition minor was presented to the faculty on Monday, April 27, 2015. This proposal was approved unanimously by the faculty.

The purpose of the proposal is to help with scheduling classes for the Nutrition major. Having an unknown number of minors, who are in need of classes, requires them to try to increase class size at the last minute to accommodate, or to prevent nutrition majors from registering as needed. Removing the Nutrition minor will mirror the other majors in the SPHHS, none of which offer a minor. The APC recommended approval of this suspending the Nutrition minor.

The APC, at its meeting on November 19, 2015, recommended approval of this suspending the Nutrition minor with a request for a minor clarification of wording that was subsequently made.

PROGRAM AND BUDGET COUNCIL

The Program Subcommittee of the Program and Budget Council met on October 14, 2015, reviewed the proposal for a Revision to Suspend the Minor in Nutrition and recommended it for approval.

At its meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, the Program and Budget Council voted to unanimously approve the Revision to Suspend the Minor in Nutrition. It was submitted as proposal #1912 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision to Suspend the Minor in Nutrition, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-028.
Proposal Development

A. Briefly describe the Proposal.

The purpose of this proposal is that the Nutrition Department will no longer offer a Nutrition minor.

B. Provide a brief overview of the process for developing the Proposal.

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When asked for a report on the number of students actually graduating with a minor in nutrition the registrar’s office reported a total of 4 since 2010 (see list below).

2010: 1
2011: 0
2012: 0
2013: 1
2014: 2

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Describe the purpose and particular goals for this proposal.

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Resources

If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If this proposal requires additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. Indicate how many new enrollments are expected as a result of these revisions and how the courses will accommodate them.

This proposal will require no additional resources.

Curriculum

Describe both the current and proposed curricula for this minor, indicating any changes. If the revisions include courses that have not yet received permanent status, please note their status as experimental or in the Faculty Senate workflow. If the proposed revision does not affect the curriculum, please note so here. If you would like to attach any curricular worksheets or other materials describing the current or proposed curriculum, you may attach them below.
The current minor is as follows:

Chemistry 111, 112 (general CHEM)
Chemistry 261 or Chemistry 250 (organic CHEM)
Biochemistry 420,
Kinesiology 272 or equivalent

Nutrition courses
NUTRITN 130 Nutrition for a Healthy Lifestyle
NUTRITN 230 Basic Nutrition
NUTRITN 352 Nutrition in the Life Cycle
NUTRITN 430 Nutrition and Metabolism
As well as three or more credits of nutrition elective (300 level or above)