Graduate Council Report

May 6, 2010

Special Consideration Item

Graduate Council approved the College of Education and Human Development, Department of Health and Kinesiology request to terminate underperforming degrees:

Doctor of Education in Physical Education

Doctor of Education in Health Education

Master of Education in Health Education
Date: April 21, 2010

To: Dave Reed, Chair 
Graduate Council

Through: Jim Kracht, Chair 
GIC, College of Education & Human Development

From: Richard Kreider, Head 
Department of Health & Kinesiology

Subject: Termination of Three Underperforming Degrees

With this memo, I request that the following degrees be discontinued:

(1) Doctor of Education in Physical Education,
(2) Doctor of Education in Health Education, and
(3) Master of Education in Health Education.

These degrees were initially designed for students wishing to focus on the teaching process, with less emphasis on the research process. The nature of the market (and the professions served by these degrees) has changed so that few students are selecting these degree options. Given that the department also offers the Ph.D. in Kinesiology, Ph.D. in Health Education and the M.S. in Health Education, students have chosen these more attractive options resulting in a decline in the number of students pursuing the three degrees in question.

I hereby seek approval to discontinue these degrees. Please feel free to contact me if there are any supplementary materials that you need to approve this request.
Certification Form for Administrative Changes
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Directions: An institution shall use this form to request an administrative change that meets all criteria for automatic approval in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.44: (a) The administrative change has institutional and board of regents approval, (b) the institution certifies that adequate funds are available to cover the costs of the administrative change, (c) new costs during the first five years would not exceed $2 million, and (d) the administrative change meets all other criteria in Section 5.47 of Board Rules (relating to Criteria for Administrative Change Requests).

If an administrative change does not meet the criteria above, an institution must submit a request using the Administrative Change Request Form.

An institution may also use this form to report the creation or change to a unit that does not administer a certificate or degree program (e.g., a research center) to update the Program Inventory.

Information: Contact the Division of Academic Affairs and Research at 512/427-6200 for more information.

Administrative Information

1. **Institution**: Texas A&M University at College Station

2. **Description of Administrative Change**: (e.g., create a new Department of Sociology; merge existing College of Science and College of Liberals Arts into a new College of Arts and Science, etc.)

   Terminate the following degrees: Ed.D. in Physical Education, Ed.D. in Health Education, and M.Ed. in Health Education

3. **Program Inventory** – Show how the change would appear on the Coordinating Board’s Program Inventory. Include all degree programs and corresponding Texas CIP codes affected by the change but do not include proposed administrative unit codes for the new academic unit(s). Board staff will assign the new administrative unit codes.

   These three degrees are underperforming. The removal of each will not impact other degree programs or CIP codes.

4. **Implementation Date**: Immediately

5. **Contact Person**: Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the program.

   **Name**: Richard Kreider
   
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Signature Page

I hereby certify that all of the following criteria have been met in accordance with the procedures outlined in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.44:

(a) The administrative change has institutional approval.

(b) The institution certifies that adequate funds are available to cover the costs of the administrative change.

(c) New costs during the first five years would not exceed $2 million.

(d) The administrative change meets all other criteria in Section 5.47 of Board Rules (relating to Criteria for Administrative Change Requests):

1. The administrative overhead of universities and health-related institutions should be kept low to insure that most of the funds appropriated for higher education go toward the costs of instruction.

2. The administrative costs of new academic units, particularly colleges and schools, should not be so high as to detract from the quality of the programs the administrative unit contains.

I understand that the Coordinating Board will update the program inventory of the institution to reflect the administrative change if no objections to the proposed administrative change are received during the 30-day public comment period.

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Chief Executive Officer                           Date

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I hereby certify that the Board of Regents has approved this administrative change.

Date of Board of Regents approval: ________________________________

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Board of Regents (or Designee)                      Date