Proposal to Terminate the M.Ed. in Exercise Science

Department of Kinesiology

Basic Information:

College: Education
Department: Kinesiology
Name of Proposed Program: Termination of the M.Ed. in Exercise Science
Starting Date: Fall, 2007

Program Description:

Termination is requested for the M.Ed. degree with a major in Exercise Science. This program now duplicates the non-thesis option for the M.S. in Exercise Science. The M.Ed. degree with a major in Exercise Science previously served students pursuing allied health careers that do not involve research, such as in clinical exercise physiology or athletic training. However, the non-thesis option for the M.S. with a major in Exercise Science was added in 2005 because it was a more appropriate degree for these students who do not pursue careers in teaching. Students are no longer enrolled in the M.Ed. in Exercise Science; the program is no longer needed.

Faculty Vote:

The graduate faculty of the Department of Kinesiology voted 12-0 in favor of terminating the M.Ed. in Exercise.

Justification for Termination of the M.Ed. in Exercise Science:

The M.Ed. with a major in Exercise Science is no longer needed. No students are currently enrolled in the program. Students who previously enrolled in this program now enroll in the non-thesis option for the M.S. with a major in Exercise Science, which is a more appropriate degree for these professional students who do not pursue teaching as a career. This proposal eliminates a duplicate program.

Impact on Current Students:

There would be no adverse impact of terminating the M.Ed. in Exercise Science on current students in the Department. Master’s degree students pursuing professional programs in Exercise Science are all enrolled in the non-thesis option for the M.S.

Financial Impact:

None.
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