

**COLLEGE COURSE AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE - May 6, 2009**

**TABLE 1**

Department of CIED

Request to delete the MAT in Special Education

The BSE/MAT program was a 5-year initial licensure program in special education. The changes in state licensure eliminated initial licenses in special education, The existing MEd in special education met the new licensure requirements so the MAT initial licensure program was eliminated.

**TABLE 2**

Department of RHRC

Request to delete the Ed.S. in counselor Education

This degree program has been inactive for several years. One student is being admitted for fall 2009. We do not expect any more as most counseling students move from the Masters degree to the doctoral degree with little demand for the ED.S. degree. The elimination of the degree will not affect any other degree programs.

**TABLE 3**

Department of HKRD

Request to change the program name of the B.S.E. in Recreation

Currently, it is difficult for potential undergraduate students to locate the degree program (B.S.E. Recreation) in the catalog which offers available coursework for students interested in the area of sport and sport management. Also, due to the increased number of both internship/placement opportunities in NW Arkansas and the State in the area of sport management, the faculty believes that it is appropriate to change the existing degree program name to reflect sport management in it's title.

#### **TABLE 4**

##### **Department of HKRD**

Request to change the program name of the M.Ed. in Recreation

Currently, within the Master of Education Degree program in recreation there exists three concentrations (recreation management, therapeutic recreation, and sports management). The sports management concentration is the only one of the three concentrations which the name is not reflected in the degree title. For this reason, it is difficult for prospective students to locate the sports management concentration in the graduate catalog. The sports management concentration also has the greatest number of students (over 72%) within the degree program. Lastly, Northwest Arkansas has seen a growth in the area over the past few years in terms of professional sports teams (Northwest Arkansas Naturals minor league baseball team, Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour Event) and because of this there exists more internship and placement opportunities for the program graduates. Sports management is the most popular concentration among the students.

#### **TABLE 5**

##### **Department of HKRD**

Request to change the program name of the Ed.D. in Recreation

Currently, graduate students in the Ed.D. Recreation program receive coursework in both areas of recreation and sport management. However, the name, sport management, is not reflected in the title of the degree program. Hence, potential students have a difficult time locating the program in the graduate catalog. At the master's level, the most popular concentration is in sport management and some of those students might want to matriculate into a doctoral program with a similar degree title (Ed.D. Recreation and Sport Management). Also, the name change would increase the placement opportunities and overall marketability of the program graduates.