

To: Connie Patterson, UCC Programs Committee Chair  
Fr: Bruce Martin, Department Chair, Recreation & Sport Pedagogy  
Re: Patton College Department Merger  
Date: March 8, 2021  
CC: Beth VanDerveer, Department Chair, Human & Consumer Sciences  
Renée Middleton, Dean, The Patton College of Education

Dear Connie:

I am writing regarding The Patton College's intent to merge the Department of Recreation and Sport Pedagogy (RSP) and the Department of Human and Consumer Sciences (HCS) into a single department. The decision to merge these two departments was made at the end of AY2019-2020 by Dean Renee Middleton in consultation with the chairs of these two departments: Dr. Beth VanDerveer (HCS) and Dr. Bruce Martin (RSP). The purpose of this departmental merger is twofold: 1) to realize greater operational efficiencies within the college and 2) to create greater opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and curricular innovation among the programs in these departments. Faculty members in both departments have been working throughout the current academic year to facilitate the merger. These efforts have included the development of a new departmental committee structure, the development of new policies and procedures under which faculty will engage in shared governance in the department, the development of new promotion and tenure policies, among other tasks.

The faculty members from both departments held a joint faculty retreat conducted by a neutral facilitator on Friday, February 26, 2021 to develop a new department name, along with a new mission statement, vision statement, and statement of shared values for the department. The new department name that emerged from the faculty retreat is the **Department of Recreation, Sport Pedagogy, and Consumer Sciences**. To determine the new department name, a list names suggested through pre-retreat faculty and student surveys was presented to the faculty at the retreat. Faculty members were divided into five subgroups, which were then tasked with either selecting their favorite name from the list or creating a name they liked better. Following small group discussion, each group presented a name to be considered by the large group. To select the most preferred name, each faculty member was asked to rank the five names presented (1 - 5), with the number 1 indicating their most preferred option. In ranked order voting, the option with the least number of first-rank votes is eliminated and the vote of any person who selected that option as their first choice is assigned to that person's next most preferred option. This process is repeated until one option receives more than a majority of the votes. However, with 21 faculty members voting, the most-preferred option was immediately apparent, as 12 faculty members selected the name noted above as their preferred option. Five faculty members ranked this name as their second choice, indicating a high level of faculty consensus in favor of the new name.

The new department will include undergraduate and graduate degrees in the following program areas:

- Coaching, Health & Physical Education
  - Health & Physical Education (BS8179)
  - Physical Activity & Sport Coaching (BS8169)
  - Coaching Education – Campus-Based (MS8141)
  - Coaching Education – Online (MS8160)
  - Coaching Education – Soccer (MS8163)

- Sport Coaching (ORCOED; CTSCCG)
- Customer Service Leadership – Online (BS6418; OR8161)
- Family & Consumer Sciences Education
  - Teacher Education Track (BS6370)
  - Community Leadership Track (BS6375)
- Equine Studies (AA5017)
- Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies
  - Outdoor Recreation & Education (BS8176; OR8156)
  - Recreation Management (BS8177; OR8109)
  - Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies (MS8135)
- Restaurant, Hotel & Tourism
  - Restaurant, Hotel and Tourism (BS6361)
  - Hospitality Management (BS6184)
- Retail & Fashion Merchandizing (BS6380; OR6380)
- Sport & Lifestyle Studies (BS5512)

The department will also include the following stand-alone certificate programs:

- Ecotourism (CTECTO)
- Festival, Event & Entertainment Management (CTFEMU) (offered in collaboration with the College of Business)

In addition to the above professional studies programs, the department includes an auxiliary Physical Activity & Wellness program that offers a variety of activity-based courses intended to promote health and wellness through participation in physical activity and recreational sport.

The department will include the following faculty members:

- Ashley Allanson, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Coaching, Health & Physical Education
- Robin Ambrozy, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Customer Service Leadership
- Donald Brown, Associate Professor of Instruction, Restaurant, Hotel & Tourism
- David Carr, Associate Professor, Coaching, Health & Physical Education
- Sandy Chen, Associate Professor, Restaurant, Hotel & Tourism
- Hyeyoon (Rebecca) Choi, Associate Professor, Restaurant, Hotel & Tourism
- Joe Crowley, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies
- Lisa Diebel, Associate Professor of Instruction, Retail & Fashion Merchandizing
- Trina Gannon, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Retail & Fashion Merchandizing
- Kelly Hall, Professor of Instruction, Equine Studies
- Stephen Harvey, Professor, Coaching, Health & Physical Education
- Katherine Ann Jordan, Visiting Assistant Professor, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies
- Bruce Martin, Professor, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies

- Mijeong Noh, Professor, Retail & Fashion Merchandizing
- Kathy Normansell, Professor of Instruction, Sport & Lifestyle Studies
- Hyun-Ju Oh, Associate Professor, Coaching, Health & Physical Education
- Annie Olcott, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Physical Activity & Wellness
- Haesun Park-Poaps, Associate Professor, Retail & Fashion Merchandizing
- Brian Rider, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Coaching, Health & Physical Education
- Andrew Szolosi, Associate Professor, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies
- Thomas Stevenson, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Restaurant, Hotel & Tourism
- Beth VanDerveer, Associate Professor, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies
- Lisa Williams, Associate Professor of Instruction, Retail & Fashion Merchandizing

There are no anticipated changes to the programs, courses, or locations and no anticipated impacts to current students. Please contact me with any questions or concerns as the University Curriculum Council reviews this proposal.

Sincerely,  
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