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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate  
FROM: Jean Standard, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee  
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for the New Fashion Design and Merchandising Sequences

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate consideration the attached proposals to add two new sequences: Fashion Design and Merchandising Accelerated Sequence and Fashion Design and Merchandising Sequence for the Major in Fashion Design and Merchandising.

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, in coordination with the Graduate School, proposes the addition of a new Fashion Design and Merchandising Accelerated Sequence for the purpose of allowing high achieving students the opportunity to take up to twelve hours of approved graduate courses during their senior year that will count for both the Fashion Design and Merchandising undergraduate and Family and Consumer Sciences graduate programs. Their rationale for adding the accelerated sequence follows:

Accelerated master's degree programs offer high achieving students the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degree and master's degree with one additional year of study. Students will take both graduate and undergraduate classes during their senior year and seamlessly transition into their master's degree program for one additional year. This program allows for an efficient move through two degrees and the ability to jump-start student professional development by completing two degrees in less time than it would to complete them separately. It also allows our program to retain high achieving students through both degrees. A separate sequence must be created in order to track students and note which graduate courses can substitute for undergraduate courses.

No changes are being made to the original undergraduate curriculum which will be titled Fashion Design and Merchandising Sequence. The addition of this new sequence is being done to allow for the addition of the new accelerated sequence in Campus Solutions.

The University Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the Fashion Design and Merchandising Accelerated Sequence and Fashion Design and Merchandising Sequence.

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