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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate
FROM: Mark Temple, Chair, University Curriculum Committee ^{MAT}
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for the New Family and Consumer Sciences B.A.,
B.S. in Interior Design

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Major in Interior Design B.A, B.S.

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has given a rationale for adding the new major:

- As part of a recent program review, the department investigated programs at similar institutions nationwide and found that most institutions of similar size had Interior Design programs as stand-alone degree programs housed within more comprehensive departments (like Family and Consumer Sciences).
- Family and Consumer Sciences faculty decided that changing the Interior and Environmental Design Sequence to a B.A., B.S. in Interior Design will make the program more competitive in student and faculty recruitment, and in obtaining grants.
- The degree requirements for the program are modified only in terms of the change to the Family and Consumer Sciences core (a reduction of five required hours).
- The name of the program is being changed from the title of the sequence, Interior and Environmental Design, to Interior Design as that is a more widely used name for a program in this field.
- There should be no effect of the addition of this program on existing campus programs as this new degree program replaces the current sequence which is almost identical.

In conjunction with this proposal, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences proposes changing an additional three sequences in the major to be three separate major degree programs. There are four individual proposals and executive summaries for each of the new majors being proposed. The current Interior and Environmental Design Sequence will be disestablished once the new Major in Interior Design, B.A., B.S. is approved.

The University Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add this new major degree program.

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