TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR)

SUBJECT: Acceptance of three discontinuation requests from the Department of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism with respect to their minor and certificate programs

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: Acceptance of the following requests by the Department of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism in the School of Education and Allied Studies, effective Fall 2013:

- Discontinuance of the Minor in Recreation Therapy
- Discontinuance of the Certificate in Youth Services Administration
- Discontinuance of the Minor in Youth Services Administration

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on April 5th, 2012, CAPR reviewed three modification requests to the portfolio of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism programs; the discontinuance of the Minor in Recreation Therapy, the discontinuance of the Certificate in Youth Services Administration, and the discontinuance of the Minor in Youth Services Administration. As explained to CAPR by Chair Melany Spielman, certification requirements have changed such that there is no longer any basis for a minor in recreational therapy and thus there are no students taking this course of study. To the best of her knowledge, this has been the case for 20 years and thus the minor is redundant. With respect to the certificate in youth services administration, this has again been on the books for more than 20 years and was originally developed to be attractive to non-recreation majors (criminal justice, sociology, etc.) seeking careers in this field. Only 10 students have completed the certificate in the last 20 years and have done so on a completely ad-hoc basis, appearing at the last minute to get a signature on their certificate check but otherwise seeking little interaction with the department. Given the lack of demand, the department sees little value added in continuing to offer this certificate. A similar rationale was offered with respect to the minor; to the Chair’s knowledge, no one has ever taken the minor during her two decades at CSU East Bay. This is not an area of concentration of the department.

In considering the three proposals, CAPR voted as follows concerning its recommendations to the Academic Senate to accept the requests from the Department of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism for the:

Discontinuance of the Minor in Recreation Therapy - Yes 8 No 0 Abs 0.
Discontinuance of the Certificate in Youth Services Administration - Yes 8 No 0 Abs 0.
Discontinuance of the Minor in Youth Services Administration - Yes 8 No 0 Abs 0.