

## PROGRAM SUSPENSION/DELETION FORM

### 1. General Information

College:	<u>Agriculture</u>	Department:	<u>Family Sciences</u>
Major Name:	<u>Career and Technical Education</u>	Degree Title:	<u>Bachelor of Science</u>
Formal Option(s), if any:	<u>Option B: Family and Consumer Sciences Education</u>	Specialty Field w/in Formal Options, if any:	_____
CIP Code:	<u>13.1399.03</u>	Today's Date:	<u>10/30/2011</u>
Requested Effective Date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester following approval.	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date <sup>1</sup> : _____
Contact Person in the Dept:	<u>Ronald Werner-Wilson</u>	Phone:	<u>7-7750</u>
		Email:	<u>rjwern2@uky.edu</u>

### 2. Suspension/Deletion Information

Nature of action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/> Deletion
Rationale for suspension/deletion:	<u>Limited resources and low enrollment. Faculty associated with Family and Consumer Sciences Education Program have left the university. External review of the program was inconclusive about continuation. Enrollment has been low for several years.</u>	
What provisions are being made for students already in the program?	<u>Continuing students will take teacher certification courses found in Option A of the Major as well as in the College of Education. Family Sciences Department will fund supervisor for student teaching.</u>	
Will another degree program replace the one suspended/deleted?	<u>no</u>	
Will courses connected with the program be dropped?	Yes* <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
*If Yes, forms for dropping a course(s) must be attached.		

This item proposes suspension of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education OPTION for the BS degree in Career and Technical Education.  
This item does NOT propose suspension of the BS degree.

<sup>1</sup> Suspensions/deletions are made effective for the semester following approval. No suspension/deletion will be made effective unless all approvals, up through and including Board of Trustees approval, are received.

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**Signature Routing Log**

**General Information:**

Proposal Name: Suspend Career and Technical Education: Option B (FCS Ed Program)

Proposal Contact Person Name: Ronald Werner-Wilson Phone: 7-7750 Email: rjwern2@uky.edu

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

**Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:**

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
Family Sciences Dept.	11/4/2011	Ron Werner-Wilson / 257-7750 / rjwern2@uky.edu	
Dept. of Community & Leadership Development	11/21/11	Gary L. Hansen / 257-7586 / ghansen@uky.edu	
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, COA	2/3/12	Larry J. Grabau / 257-3469 / larry.grabau@uky.edu	
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**External-to-College Approvals:**

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision <sup>2</sup>
Undergraduate Council	3/20/2012	Sharon Gill	
Graduate Council			
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

<sup>2</sup> Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.

**Text of E-mail written by Dean Smith on January 27, 2012:**

“Larry,  
(Copy to Ann, Gary, Ron)

Please share these comments with the Committee as they review the proposed suspension of the FCS Ed program. I fully endorse this suspension.

Dr. Vail and I have discussed the significance of the program for several months now. I concur with Dr. Vail that UK should continue to strive to provide opportunities for students pursuing an FCS Education career in Kentucky high schools. We also agree that the current path we are providing has not worked optimally. Concerns include unacceptably low enrollment and a continuing struggle to identify faculty support for advising, teaching supervision, and instruction in FCS Ed.

I want to assure the committee that the discussion did not arise in the context of budget imperatives, nor was my final decision to support suspension based on economic considerations. However, it would be naïve to ignore the extraordinary scrutiny to which low enrollment programs have been subjected. Recently, that scrutiny has intensified enormously. It is not for budget reasons alone, but it is quite clear that degree programs with this level of enrollment are no longer sustainable.

Dr. Vail and I have agreed on a feasible option for meeting our commitment to FCS Education in the future. This is to base an appropriate undergraduate opportunity within an existing undergraduate major choice in HES (or possibly even other college majors). In collaboration with the College of Education, students could then pursue initial certification at the Master’s level. This strategy could, and probably should, include development of targeted advising, and enhancing co-curricular and experiential activities for these UG students. Conceivably, this could approach something like a Pre-Vet model. It must also include communication and recruiting of interested students.

This is all easier to say, than to implement on short notice. While Dr. Vail pursues this plan, the most responsible next step is to promptly suspend further admission of students into the existing CTE option.

Scott Smith  
Dean of Agriculture  
859 257-4772”

**Background on Suspension of FCS-Ed Option of CTE BS Program:**

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) has a long and proud history here in Kentucky, both as part of secondary education and extension education. At present, approximately 200 FCS educators are employed at the high school level across Kentucky. In addition, nearly every Kentucky county has an FCS extension education position (in a few cases, more than one). In many ways, one could argue Family and Consumer Sciences has been the foundation on which the School of Human Environmental Sciences was built. Recently, however, undergraduate enrollments in the FCS-Ed option have declined to a point at which sustainability of the program has become doubtful. In mid-2011, there were less than 10 students enrolled, and Dean Smith asked that the program stop accepting new students until its status could be more carefully evaluated. In late 2011,

both of the departments which collaborate in the delivery of FCS-Ed (Family Sciences and Career & Leadership Development) met separately and concluded that suspension of the FCS-Ed option was necessary.

Of course, students in the program, approximately 14 according to the information I have received from Louise Gladstone, will be provided with services they need to complete their degrees. Meanwhile, other students will likely continue to arrive on campus, albeit in small numbers, with an interest in FCS-Ed careers. One option would be for such students to complete an undergraduate degree in a closely related field (for example, Family Sciences), and then to complete a Masters with Initial Certification in Family & Consumer Sciences subsequently. Other options could also be developed as consistent with the option being considered by Vail and Smith.

Prepared by Larry Grabau, January 30, 2012