



**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

October 20, 2023

ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUSPENSION

REQUEST: Approval for academic program suspension for the following program: **Floristry, Minor.**

FACTS: The Faculty made the decision to suspend the Floristry minor based on the recommendation of the Comprehensive Academic Program Evaluation (CAPE) process and instead focus resources on an undergraduate certificate. The Floristry certificate was implemented in Fall 2021.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: Closing this academic program to new admissions will have no impact on the University Budget because the faculty will continue to offer courses in the floristry undergraduate certificate.

RECOMMENDATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATE: President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the suspension of the Floristry Minor to be implemented Fall 2024.

MOTION: Approval to suspend the following program: Floristry, Minor with implementation in Fall 2024.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUSPENSION

REQUEST: Approval for academic program suspension for the following program: **Master of Science in Child and Family Studies**.

FACTS: Enrollment in the Child and Family Studies graduate program has been slowly declining over the past four years. The number of enrolled students decreased from 17 in 2018 to 7 in 2022. Although the annual degrees awarded have been fairly consistent between 4 and 7, they are trending downward, and the enrollment decline is steady. One factor contributing to this decline is the overall decrease in students studying child and family studies at the graduate level. Additionally, we have had two graduate faculty retire. Furthermore, after an initial period of incoming extension agents and others waiting for our online graduate program to launch in 2017, the pool of available applicants has decreased. The novelty of our online graduate program has waned, as other programs both inside and outside of Kentucky are now offering online graduate degrees in our field.

With the renewed emphasis on efficiency, the program faculty decided to focus on enhancing and growing our undergraduate program and so would like to close the Master of Science in Child and Family Studies and all delivery methods to new admissions beginning January 15, 2024. Suspending the graduate program allows graduate faculty to reassign their time and effort in our undergraduate program.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: Closing this academic program to new admissions will have minimal impact on the University Budget because the faculty will continue to offer courses in the undergraduate program.

RECOMMENDATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATE: President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the suspension of the **Master of Science in Child and Family Studies** to be implemented Spring 2024.

MOTION: Approval to suspend the following program: **Master of Science in Child and Family Studies** with implementation in Spring 2024.

**EMERITUS
APPOINTMENTS**

REQUEST: Approval of faculty emeritus status for Drs. Fred DeGraves and Darwin Dahl

FACTS: Listed below are faculty members who have been recommended by tenured faculty, department chair and college dean to be awarded emeritus status. They have served the university for at least ten years and have had distinguished records of achievement and service.

Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Dr. Fred DeGraves, Associate Professor, Agriculture and Food Science

Dr. Darwin Dahl, Professor, Department of Chemistry

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: No funds requested

RECOMMENDATION: President Timothy C. Caboni recommends awarding the above individuals emeritus status.

MOTION: Approval of emeritus status awarded for the recommended individuals.