

To: Faculty Senate

From: Program Creation and Reorganization Review Committee (PCRRC)

Subject: **Report and Motion of the PCRRC**

Numerous proposals to reorganize units or suspend academic degree programs have been received by the PCRRC during the fall semester of 2010. These were posted at:

<http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committee-rosters/pcrrc/>

The PCRRC corresponded with and/or met with various faculty groups affected by current unit reorganization and suspension proposals. Materials received responding to the proposals to reorganize or suspend were also posted at the web site. In one instance, a public hearing was held to gather further information.

Following are the findings and recommendations of the Program Creation and Reorganization Review Committee. In short, most faculty groups affected by program suspensions, if requesting an action, are requesting that the PCRRC and/or the Faculty Senate support requests of the affected faculty to revise respective Suspension Proposals before they are forwarded to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

MOTION:

The committee moves that the Full Senate support this report and the recommendations contained within it and that the findings and recommendations be forwarded with strong support of the Senate to the Provost for consideration by the University Administration as it follows the processes for Unit Reorganizations from Chapter 4 of the Policy and Procedures Manual of the PCRRC for the University of Maine and Section 305.4 for Academic Program Suspensions of the Administrative Procedures Manual of the University of Maine System. **Further**, in the process of forwarding suspension proposals beyond the UMaine campus, the Faculty Senate respectfully requests that this Report and Motion be forwarded by the President to the Vice Chancellor with a request to the Vice Chancellor to distribute this Report and Motion to the Chief Academic Officers of all other UMS campuses and to the Chancellor.

DISPOSITION:

- In regard to *unit reorganization proposals*, PCRRC comments and recommendations in this report will result in concluding the proposal reviews at the informal stage.
- In regard to *suspension proposals*, PCRRC comments and recommendations in this report will be considered by the Provost and President in revising Suspension Proposals before forwarding them to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. When received, the Vice Chancellor circulates each suspension proposal to the Chief Academic Officers of each campus for consultation and then to the Chancellor for Approval who informs the Trustees.

I. Unit Reorganization Proposals

1. **Move School of Social Work** from the College of Business, Public Policy and Health to the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture

The PCRRC has witnessed no substantial objections to the move. Having received no negative comments from affected faculty concerning the proposal, the PCRRC believes that this reorganization action should cease with the informal review phase that has now been completed.

2. **Move Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders** from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture

The PCRRC has witnessed no substantial objections to the move. Having received no negative comments from affected faculty concerning the proposal, the PCRRC believes that this reorganization action should cease with the informal review phase that has now been completed.

II. Academic Degree Program Suspension Proposals

Documentation referred to in the statements that follow may be accessed at <http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committee-rosters/pcrrc/>

1. Program Suspension: Bachelor of Arts in German

The proposal and responses to it may be found at

<http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committee-rosters/pcrrc#anchorGerman>

The responses include:

1. response from the Department Chair
2. petition to keep UMaine language majors
3. statement from Gisela-Alden
4. additional "Support of Languages" letters found under the Program Suspension Proposal for Latin

The PCRRC strongly recommends that all faculty senators and administrators study this material. The PCRRC supports revision of the Suspension Proposal (already approved and posted) such that the date for elimination, reorientation or reinstatement of the program is extended to December 2012 to allow for the best implementation strategy for suggestions arising from a self-study and recommendations arising from an external review.

2. Program Suspension: Bachelor of Arts in Latin

The proposal and responses to it may be found at

<http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committee-rosters/pcrrc#anchorLatin>

The responses include:

1. response from the Department Chair
2. petition to Save the Classics
3. letters to President Kennedy from Jeremy Swist, James Brophy, Hilary Clark, William Guida, Michael Howard, Michael Palmer and New England Classical Association.
4. statements from Maria Tijan Wieck, Tina Passman and Jay Bregman

The PCRRC strongly recommends that all faculty senators and administrators study this material. The PCRRC supports revision of the Suspension Proposal (already approved and posted) such that the date for elimination, reorientation or reinstatement of the program is extended to December 2012 to allow for the best implementation strategy for suggestions arising from a self-study and recommendations arising from an external review.

3. Program Suspension: Bachelor of Arts in Theater

No responses were received from faculty affected by the Bachelor of Arts in Theater program. The program suspension proposal states that the Theater BA program will be considered for reinstatement or elimination by 31 December 2011. During the suspension period, the program will have the opportunity to modify its curriculum, propose new courses and course eliminations associated with the revised curriculum and request appropriate institutional approvals for the proposed modifications. With the knowledge that the program will lose a faculty position by 2014, the faculty of the Theatre/Dance division has already developed a new theatre

major that can be taught with one less faculty member and it has also revised the minor. The revision proposal reduces the theater major requirements from 42 credits to 33 credits. While maintaining the integrity of the major curriculum, the faculty has streamlined the program by eliminating courses, merging courses, and introducing two new interdisciplinary courses. The Academic Council of the CLAS has already approved the proposal and it now is going forward to the UPCC. Hearing no additional comments from the affected faculty, the PCRRC concurs in the suspension plan.

4. Program Suspension: **Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies**

The proposal and responses to it may be found at

<http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committee-rosters/pcrrc#anchorWS>

The responses include:

1. Proposal to Extend the Reinstatement or Elimination Date for the Women's Studies Undergraduate Major and Graduate Specializations
2. Women's Studies Response to Achieving Sustainability Report
3. Argument for Women's Studies Graduate Concentration
4. Graduate Concentrations Earned
5. National Women's Studies Data
6. UMaine Women's Studies Courses, Fall 2010
7. UMaine Women's Studies Courses, Spring 2010
8. Letters of Support (Large scanned file: 62 MB)

The PCRRC strongly recommends that all faculty senators and administrators study this material. The PCRRC supports the request of the affected faculty (posted on the PCRRC web site) to revise the Suspension Proposal such that the date for elimination, revision or reorientation of the program components be extended to December 2012 to give the affected faculty members time to implement any strategies arising from the upcoming detailed program evaluation.

5. Program Suspension: **Bachelor of Arts in Public Management**

The proposal and responses to it may be found at

<http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committee-rosters/pcrrc#anchorWS>

The responses include:

1. Statements and Recommendations by Faculty of the Department of Public Administration (with attachments)
2. What is Public Administration Education
3. Retain the BA in Public Management
4. Retain the Masters of Public Administration
5. UMaine Undergraduate Statistics
6. UM-Augusta Information
7. UMaine Graduate Statics in Public Administration
8. Letters of Support including, among others, from Baker, Curtis, Donahue, Leach, McIntire, and School of Nursing
9. Op-Ed Editorial Pieces
10. Alumni Summary
11. Last Budget for Department
12. Maine Town and City Manager Resolution
13. Letter from Accrediting Body
14. Audio File of Public Hearing

The PCRRC strongly recommends that all faculty senators and administrators study this material. In the first referenced document listed above, faculty members of the Department of Administration make three recommendations:

Recommendation on the Merits: Retain the University's Bachelor of Arts in Public Management and its Master of Public Administration.

Recommendation on the Prospects: Explore and support collaborative approaches through which vested universities in the University of Maine System can use their combined public administration resources synergistically.

Recommendation on the Process: Treat APPWG's recommendations about public administration programs as a call for realigning how public administration education can be provided statewide.

These recommendations are explained in the document and further supported in the linked supporting materials. The PCRRC urges the administration to thoroughly and strongly consider these faculty statements and the documentation posted on the PCRRC web site in the decision-making concerning the suspension proposal and any further proposals for elimination, reorientation or reinstatement of the programs.

6. Program Suspension: **Master of Public Administration**

See the documentation and recommendations listed above under "Bachelor of Arts in Public Management."

The PCRRC urges the administration to thoroughly and strongly consider the faculty statements and the documentation posted on the PCRRC web site in the decision-making concerning the suspension proposal and any further proposals for elimination, reorientation or reinstatement of the programs.

7. Program Suspension: **Bachelor of Science in Forest Ecosystem Science**

No responses were received from faculty affected by the Bachelor of Science in Forest Ecosystem Science. This suspension and imminent elimination is part of the plan for consolidation of the five current separate degree programs in the School of Forest Resources. Impacts on current faculty and students appear to be minimal. The program suspension proposal states that the proposal to eliminate the degree is expected to be prepared, reviewed and evaluated in less than one calendar year from the issuance of the suspension. Hearing no comments from the affected faculty, the PCRRC concurs in the suspension plan.

8. Program Suspension: **Bachelor of Science in Wood Science and Technology**

No responses were received from faculty affected by the Bachelor of Science in Wood Science and Technology. This suspension and imminent elimination is part of the plan for consolidation of the five current separate degree programs in the School of Forest Resources. Impacts on current faculty and students appear to be minimal. The program suspension and elimination in Wood Science and Technology is requiring the faculty to modify the degree program in Forest Operations Science to better meet future needs in the forest products industry, and course proposals to modify the degree will be submitted by the Spring of 2012. It is understood that the degree title will be changed to better reflect the new curriculum content in Forest Bioproducts and Bioenergy although a final decision on the changed title has not been made. The proposal to eliminate is expected to proceed in tandem with the modifications. Hearing no comments from the affected faculty, the PCRRC concurs in the suspension plan.

9. Program Suspension: **Bachelor of Science in Aquaculture**

The proposal and responses to it may be found at

<http://umaine.edu/facultysenate/committee-rosters/pcrrc#anchorAQUA>

The responses include:

1. Letter from Dr Ian Bricknell, Director, Aquaculture Research Institute
2. Letter from Dr Paul S. Anderson, Director, Maine Sea Grant Program

The PCRRC strongly recommends that all faculty senators and administrators study this material. No specific requests were made for actions by the PCRRC. The suspension proposal states that faculty having expertise in aquaculture will continue to deliver courses on the topic and those courses will contribute to fulfillment of the aquaculture concentration within the B.S. in Marine Sciences. The suspension of the B.S. degree in aquaculture is not linked to the elimination of any current personnel. Receiving no specific requests for action by the PCRRC, the PCRRC concurs in the suspension plan.