

Office of Academic Affairs Memo

Date: February 12, 2020

To: Jon Knolle, Vice President of Academic Affairs

From: Vincent van Joolen, Dean of Instruction – STEM

Re: Revitalization and Discontinuance Committee Recommendation – Human Services (HUMS)

On December 5, 2019 at 10:30 am a data presentation meeting was held regarding the continued viability of the HUMS program. In attendance at the meeting were members of a program revitalization and discontinuance subcommittee. Committee members included Vincent van Joolen, Cathleen Gable, Susan Boes, Alethea Desoto, Anthony Villarreal, and Lauran Blanchard. Data was collected and presented by Kath Uyeda, an independent contractor who conducted research informed by the questions outlined in AP 4021 Academic Program Revitalization of Discontinuance.

After due consideration of the data presented, the committee determined that there was merit to revitalize the HUMS program. It was recommended that the leadership of the program should be transferred to the Dean of Liberal Arts who will work closely with the Social Science Department to propose a plan for revitalization. The following strategies may be considered for inclusion in the plan.

1. Allocate funds for increased marketing and/or faculty recruitment.
2. Allocate funds for equipment, if needed.
3. Seek outside resources such as partnerships.
4. Bring in an outside consultant to advise the college on the program.
5. Update faculty skills and knowledge of the program area to meet current needs.
6. Set clear timelines, delegation of responsibilities, and outcomes.

The duration of the revitalization is to last no more than three years. The program should be reassessed during the Spring term of 2023.



Vincent van Joolen