

**IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION
NOTICE OF INTENT**

**To initiate a
New, Expanded, Cooperative, Discontinued, program component or Off-Campus Instructional
Program or Instructional/Research Unit**

Institution Submitting Proposal: University of Idaho
 Name of College, School, or Division: Education
 Name of Department(s) or Area(s): Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Indicate if this Notice of Intent (NOI) is for an Academic or Professional Technical Program
 Academic X Professional - Technical _____

This is a New, Expanded, Cooperative, Contract, or Off-Campus Instructional Program, or
 Administrative/Research Unit (circle one) leading to:

Discontinue M.S. in Physical Education

(Degree or Certificate)

Proposed Starting Date: ~~July 2010~~ Summer 2009

For New Programs:

For Other Activity:

 Program (i.e., degree) Title & CIP 2000

- Program Component (major/minor/option/emphasis)
- Off-Campus Activity/Resident Center
- Instructional/Research Unit
- Addition/Expansion
- Discontinuance/consolidation
- Contract Program
- Other

Dean's signature on file **2/6/09**

 College Dean (Institution) Date

 VP Research & Graduate Studies Date

 Chief Fiscal Officer (Institution) Date

 State Administrator, SDPTE Date

 Chief Academic Officer (Institution) Date

 Chief Academic Officer, OSBE Date

 President Date

 SBOE/OSBE Approval Date

Before completing this form, refer to Board Policy Section III.G., Program Approval and Discontinuance.

1. Briefly describe the nature of the request e.g., is this a new program (degree, program, or certificate) or program component (e.g., new, discontinued, modified, addition to an existing program or option).

This is a request to DISCONTINUE the Master of Science degree in Physical Education.

2. Provide a statement of need for program or a program modification. Include student and state need, demand, and employment potential. **Attach a Scope and Sequence, SDPTE Form Attachment B, for professional-technical education requests.** (Use additional sheets if necessary.).

This request is based on the need to reduce low enrollment/low demand degree programs so that the institution can focus its resources on a smaller number of high quality programs.

3. Briefly describe how the institution will ensure the quality of the program (e.g., accreditation, professional societies, licensing boards, etc.).

N/A

4. Identify similar programs offered within the state of Idaho or in the region by other colleges/universities. If the proposed request is similar to another program, provide a rationale for the duplication. This may not apply to PTE programs if workforce needs within the respective region have been established.

Institution	Relevant Enrollment Data			Number of Graduates		
	Current	Previous Year	Previous Year	Current	Previous Year	Previous Year
BSU	<u>42</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
CSI						
CWI						
EITC						
ISU						
LCSC						
NIC						
UI						

Institution and Degree name	Level	Specializations within the discipline (to reflect a national perspective)	Specializations offered within the degree at the institution
BSU - Master of Science in Exercise and Sports Studies (MSESS)	Master's		behavioral, biophysical, and socio-historical (thesis option)
BSU - Master of Kinesiology (MK)	Master's		behavioral, biophysical, and socio-historical (non-thesis option)
BSU - Master of Physical Education in Athletic Administration (joint degree with ISU)	Master's		
CSI			
CWI			
EITC			
ISU - Master of Physical Education/Athletic Administration (joint degree with BSU)	Master's		
LCSC			
NIC			
UI			

5. Describe how this request is consistent with the State Board of Education's policy or role and mission of the institution. (i.e., centrality).

This program is being eliminated to increase focus on the doctoral program and due to declining enrollments in the past two years. Students who are enrolled in the program currently will have up to two years to complete their program of study per State Board of Education policy.

6. Is the proposed program in the 8-year Plan? Indicate below.

Yes X (p. 49) in version 8/21/2008) No _____

If not on 8-year plan, provide a justification for adding the program.

8. Resources--Faculty/Staff/Space Needs/Capital Outlay. (Use additional sheets if necessary.):

Estimated Fiscal Impact	FY _____	FY _____	FY _____	Total
A. Expenditures	0	0	0	0
1. Personnel				
2. Operating				
3. Capital Outlay				
4. Facilities				
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0
B. Source of Funds	0	0	0	0
1. Appropriated-reallocation				
2. Appropriated – New				
3. Federal				
4. Other:				
TOTAL:				
B. Nature of Funds	0	0	0	0
1. Recurring *				
2. Non-recurring **				
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0

* Recurring is defined as ongoing operating budget for the program, which will become of the base.

** Non-recurring is defined as one-time funding in a fiscal year and not part of the base.

HPERD Department Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 30, 2009
1:30-2:30 pm
Panorama Room

Review First Round Programs for Discontinuance:

The degree program recommended by the College's Futures Committee (CFC) and Provost Council for discontinuance is the Physical Education M.S degree. The enrollments and applications have declined in recent years and by eliminating this degree program, faculty will redirect their efforts to increase the quality and quality of their scholarship and work with doctoral students. There are master's degrees offered at other institutions in the State of Idaho. The one place the University of Idaho has a critical stake is in our PhD programs. If we lose our PhD programs then we are no longer the premier research institution within the state. We need to focus our resources on our doctoral programs. This is the fundamental reasons for looking at discontinuing the M.S. degrees. There is also a national movement happening, allowing bachelors degrees to move right into a PhD degree program. Students will come to us because we are the premier institution in Idaho. We can secure the kinds of students that fit with our mission. Doing away of M.S. is apart of that process. This will require faculty to obtain external funds for their PhD students.

Most of the HPERD faculty were uncomfortable eliminating the research option for the M.S. degree, however they were not opposed to offering an non-thesis degree. They would like to have a transition plan in place before COE eliminates the M.S. option. They also stated that a name change is critical since the program lacks national visibility. They would like the name changed from M.S. in Physical Education to M.S. in Exercise Science. They submitted a memorandum addressing these issues on January 30, 2009 to the dean arguing for reconsideration for the elimination of the M.S. in Physical Education. Their memorandum is being submitted to the College Coordinating Committee (CCC) for review and discussion.

The dean stated that these appear to be delaying tactics. It is important that the faculty know that there will be fewer programs in this department. We don't have enough money and resources to go around. We need to make tough decisions right now that will positivity impact our future. The HPERD faculty stated they were not afraid to make tough decisions but they want to make sure they are eliminating the right program.

HPERD Faculty Vote:

The faculty vote to discontinue programs was conducted after the dean's portion of the meeting ended. The results were emailed to the dean. The results are indicated below.

Degree Program	# Yes Votes	# No Votes	# Abstaining Votes
M.S. Physical Education	0	13	0

[DRAFT] College Coordinating Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2009
10:00-12:00 pm (PT), 11:00-1:00 pm (MT)
COE 408

Participants: Kathy Browder, Clark Dickin, Charles Gagel, Mary Gardiner (Phone), Paul Gathercoal, Karen Guilfoyle, Russ Joki, Allen Kitchel, Jerry McMurtry, Paul Rowland

Other Participants: Maggie Clark, Dave Paul

Consideration of Notices of Intent (NOI) to discontinue degree programs:

9. Alternate Motion to the NOI to Discontinue the M.S. Physical Education (PE)

This item was moved to agenda number 9 rather than 10 by the committee. The alternate motion reads:

HPERD faculty understand the need to reduce scope within the HPERD department and increase focus on our doctoral program. However, we are concerned that elimination of the MSPE may not accomplish this purpose. We propose to forward a recommendation to the college for elimination of one degree program to increase our focus and reduce our scope. We will review the data that was gathered during the Program Prioritization and College Future Council processes to achieve this task. Our recommendation will be forwarded to the College Coordinating Committee by April 16, 2009.

The HPERD faculty are concerned that if we eliminate the M.S. PE degree option, this will inhibit our ability to recruit quality students into our doctoral program. In the faculty meeting on January 30, 2009, the Dean for the College of Graduate Studies mentioned a national movement allowing bachelors degrees to move right into a PhD program. They would like to gather data on other institutions offering the bachelors to doctoral degrees. They want to make sure that if they eliminate the M.S. in PE that their students will be successful and placed in good jobs. The HPERD faculty submitted a memorandum to the dean on January 30, 2009 indicating that more data needs to be collected before the faculty can move to eliminate the M.S. PE degree option. They have asked for an extension until April 16, 2009 to make an informative decision on what program to eliminate. The HPERD faculty are aware that program cuts are necessary and are committed to streamlining their program offerings but they would like to make sure they are eliminating the right program. Currently, HPERD has 8 applicants for this fall. If HPERD is allowed the two month extension that means that an additional year will be added to the teach out for students (with the thesis option) admitted this fall. If they decide to make the M.S. a non-thesis option, no additional resources will be used if the program is allowed for continuance.

Some committee members asked why this is the first time this issue is being brought up. This program prioritization process has been going on since the fall and was also indicated in the Yardley report. Data that was needed to make informed choices was collected by the College's Futures Committee (CFC). This two month extension will put the college behind a year. Other departments have had to give something up and giving an extension is unacceptable. The reason for the delay is that the HPERD faculty thought other programs were more susceptible to cuts rather than the M.S. in PE.

In the HPERD faculty meeting on January 30, 2009, there were 0 yes votes and 13 no votes to discontinue the M.S. in PE. This is going to pose problems when the university curriculum committee and faculty council begin reviewing the NOIs. This will be a red flag.

The dean asked if the “yellow card” for the Athletic Training B.S.P.E. might be offered up in April for discontinuance to meet the requirement of the motion. There is no consensus from the faculty as of yet.

The motion was moved and seconded by the committee to consider the HPERD alternate motion.

The motion failed.

Degree program	# Yes Votes	# No Votes	# Abstaining Votes
M.S. PE	3	4	1

10. Master of Science (M.S.) in Physical Education (PE)

The motion was moved and seconded to discontinue the degree program by the committee. One member cautioned the committee to think long and hard about the goals of PhD program in HPERD before committing to discontinue the M.S. in PE.

Motion passes.

Degree program	# Yes Votes	# No Votes	# Abstaining Votes
M.S. PE	5	2	1

Partially revised Draft CCC Minutes:

Discussion of NOI to discontinue the M.S. Physical Education

The HPERD faculty are concerned that if we eliminate the M.S. PE degree option, this will inhibit our ability to recruit quality students into our doctoral program in addition to enabling them to offer classes in a timely manner given the constraints on class sizes at the graduate level. In the department faculty meeting on January 30, 2009, the Dean for the College of Graduate Studies noted a national movement allowing bachelors degrees to move right into a PhD program, as recommended in the Yardley report. The department would like to gather data on other institutions offering the bachelors to doctoral degrees . They want to make sure that if they eliminate the M.S. in PE that the program will be competitive with other programs in the United States and that their students will be successful and placed in good jobs. The HPERD faculty submitted a memorandum to the dean on January 30, 2009 requesting time to collect more data before the faculty can move to eliminate the M.S. PE degree option. They have asked for an extension until April 16, 2009 to make an informed decision on what program to eliminate. The HPERD faculty are aware that program cuts are necessary and are committed to streamlining their program offerings but they would like to make sure they are eliminating the right program. Currently, the MSPE has 8 applicants for this fall. If HPERD is allowed the two month extension that means that an additional year will be added to the required teach-out for students admitted this fall. It was suggested that if the M.S. non-thesis option was adopted; no additional resources will be used if the program is allowed for continuance and would not require any additional teach-out time.

Some committee members asked why this delays is now being brought up. This program prioritization process has been going on since the fall and the elimination of the MSPE was recommended in the Yardley report. Data that was needed to make informed choices was collected by the College’s Futures Committee (CFC) and disseminated to the faculty. HPERD representative stated that he felt data was incomplete and they did not have time to understand the impacts on future program enrollment and issues. Some committee members argued that a two month extension will put the college behind a year in gaining the focus it needs to develop to be successful in the future.. HPERD faculty stated this would not be a problem and in fact the classes required to fulfill the teach-out are the same classes as offered to the PhD program. It was argued that other departments have had to give programs that had significant enrollment and that giving an extension is unacceptable. The reason for the request for the delay is that the HPERD faculty assumed that other departmental programs were more susceptible to cuts rather than the M.S. in PE. In the HPERD faculty meeting on January 30, 2009, there were 0 yes votes and 13 no votes to discontinue the M.S. in PE. Concern was raised regarding how this might be interpreted at other levels. One member of the committee suggested that the department should make the decision to eliminate the M.S. P.E. now and use the faculty time and effort to move forward with plans to strengthen the other programs.

It was asked of the HPERD representative, what alternative programs were under consideration and the response was that at this time it was unknown. A question was raised as to whether the department might be offering the Athletic Training B.S.P.E. which has been identified as a “yellow card” program (in need of significant change or elimination) in April for discontinuance to meet the requirement of the motion. The response was that this issue has not been addressed by the faculty.

The motion to approve the NOI for discontinuance was passed: 5 yes; 2 no

**College of Education Faculty Meeting
February 6, 2009**

1:00-3:00 pm (PT), 2:00-4:00 pm (MT)

Compressed Video Locations: Ag. Sci., Room 104, Boise 248A, CDA 128, IF 4

Consideration of Notices of Intent (NOI) to discontinue degree programs

9. NOI to discontinue Master of Science in Physical Education

It was moved and seconded to approve the NOI. One faculty member expressed concern that by removing this degree program, it would not save the university or department any money. He has not found any evidence that by removing the M.S. in Physical Education (PE) it will enhance the doctoral program. The department chair for HPERD stated that originally the faculty voted 0 to 13 not supporting the NOI to discontinue the M.S. in PE, however after further discussions with the faculty they feel that they can streamline and strengthen their doctoral program by eliminating this degree program. Collectively, the faculty have agreed not to oppose this NOI.

Motion passed.

Degree program	# Yes Votes	# No Votes	# Abstaining Votes
M.S. PE	35	0	6

10. Alternative motion by HPERD has been removed by HPERD faculty.

HPERD department has requested that the alternative motion be removed from the agenda. There were no objections from the faculty to remove this item.

Notice of Intent (NOI) Approval Tracking Form

Committee Chairs please append this document to the relevant NOI and send it forward to the next committee for review.

Committee: Graduate Council

Program/Degree: Master of Science in Physical Education

Discussion: NOI was presented by Dean Paul Rowland

Dean Rowland's comments follow.

The intent is to remove master's degree and move students into doctoral program and focusing more resources on the Ph.D. program. See attached department, College Curriculum Committee, and college faculty votes and comments.

It was noted that between the time the department vote was taken (0-13) and the College faculty vote was taken (35-6), that it looks like the level of support for the NOI changed.

Question: Why did the level of support change?

Answer: In general, the department supports the MS program and didn't understand the change to focus the Ph.D. degree.

Department isn't in complete support.

Question: With so many students enrolled, why was this program put on the table?

Answer: Current enrollment is comparatively low and classes are often cancelled due to low enrollment. The department's intent is to look at the possibility of another degree in the future.

Question: Will this population be served by a different master's degree?

Answer: Not at this time. Current 1/5 of department is teacher education and the rest have an emphasis on exercise science. This reflects the change in the department's focus and the expertise of the faculty. What the current degree is called and what the actual research areas are do not always match.

Question: What is the demand in the region for this program?

Answer: Region, not sure. Nation – very popular. Dean Rowland indicated that several programs who have removed the master's have rebounded and seen large increases in the Ph.D. program. Many students do currently continue on to the Ph.D. and do not need to spend time on a master's degree.

Question: If a student starts in the doctoral program but is unable to finish, is there a master's program as the "back-up" plan?

Answer: No. The department offers an MS in Recreation but that may not be appealing or the student may not have had the courses for that degree.

If assistantships were better, the attraction to the program would be better at both the MS and the PhD level.

Vote: 4 **In Favor**

 5 **Opposed**

 1 **Abstain**

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Committee: University Curriculum Committee Date: 2/23/09

Present: Richard Battaglia, Jill Dacey (Chair), Gail Eckwright, Walter Hesford, Allen Kitchel, John Marshall, Mark Secrist, Bob Stone, Richard Wells, Jeanne Christiansen, Jean Henscheid, Rod Hill, Nancy Krogh, Heidi Anderson, Garrett Holbrook, Joel Zwainz.

Absent: Ruprecht Machleidt.

Others Present: Margrit Von Braun, Paul Joyce (substitute for Ruprecht Machleidt), Chris Thompson, Paul Rowland, Kathy Browder, James (Ding) Johnson, Andrew Brewick, Janet Rachlow, Robert Zemetra, Kathy Aiken, James Connors, Carl Hunt, Sandra Evenson, 1 Other Guest, Charles Tibbals, Dwaine Hubbard

Program/Degree: Discontinue M.S. major in Physical Education

Discussion:

UCC-09-088 College of Education

Committee member Kitchel introduced the proposed Notice of Intent (NOI) from the College of Education to discontinue the Master of Science (M.S.) major in Physical Education. Dean Rowland noted that the NOI was passed at the college level, but was originally denied at the departmental level. Subsequent discussions with the department have resulted in support from the department to discontinue the M.S. major in Physical Education. Committee member Wells asked what would happen to the remaining four M.S. students in the program. Rowland indicated that they would be given the opportunity to complete their degree. Wells then asked how would Ph.D. candidates who are unable to finish their Ph.D.s be handled since a common practice is to award a master degree instead. Rowland indicated that at this time there is no fallback degree for those students. Kathy Browder added that through internal department streamlining and consolidation the department hopes to be able to offer a fallback degree in the near future. Committee chair Dacey asked when this fallback degree might be proposed. Browder indicated that it is the departments hope they will have a proposal by the end of the spring 2009 semester. The committee **Approved** the proposed NOI 10 for and 2 against, and will forward the proposed NOI to Faculty Council for review.

Vote: Approved – 10 for and 2 against