**Illinois State**

**University**

**Board of**

**Trustees**

**Resolution No. 2015.02/10**

**Approval of B.A., B.S. in**

**Food, Nutrition and Dietetics**

**Resolution**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, as authorized by the Board of Trustees Governing Document, Section A, Government Statutes, Subsection 5, Reservation of Powers, has reserved to itself the final decision-making authority for the establishment of any new unit of instruction requiring approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal for degree granting authority for the B.A., B.S. in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics.

Board Action on: Postpone:

Motion by: Amend:

Second by: Disapprove:

Vote: Yeas: Nays: Approve:

ATTEST: Board Action, February 20, 2015

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Secretary/Chairperson

Board of Trustees of Illinois State University

B.A., B.S. in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics

The proposed B.A., B.S. in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics program would be administered by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences within the College of Applied Science and Technology. The program is based on the long-standing, identically-titled sequence in the B.A., B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences program and is intended to replace that sequence. The proposal is one of four concurrently developed by the department to elevate undergraduate sequences to stand-alone majors. The other three are Fashion Design and Merchandising; Human Development and Family Science; and Interior Design.

The proposal resulted in part from the 2012-2013 program review self-study of the Family and Consumer Sciences undergraduate program conducted by department faculty. Through the study, faculty found that most institutions of similar size had stand-alone food, nutrition and dietetics programs within a more comprehensive department. The change is intended to result in a more competitive food, nutrition and dietetics program at Illinois State with respect to student and faculty recruitment and external grant procurement.

The curriculum of the proposed program includes two options: 1) Dietetics, and 2) Food and Nutrition Management. The Dietetics option is a Didactic Program in Dietetics accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The option is intended to prepare students for dietetic internships and careers in promoting optimal health by incorporating positive food choices and nutrition strategies which influence the overall well-being of individuals and communities. The Food and Nutrition Management option is intended to prepare students for careers in the food industry by combining business and management principles with food service and hospitality skills.

Enrollment in the new program is projected at 120 students (full-time equivalent) once it is fully implemented. Impact of the new program on University operations should be minimal, since the program is so closely based on the existing sequence. The program will be supported by the new Culinary Arts Laboratory in Turner Hall.

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