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TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: March 2, 1998

RE:  
   I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
   II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
   III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
       For your information

SUBJ: Alternative M.S.Ed. in Education - Health

Signed: Anne H. Parsons  Date Sent: 3/13/98
(Anne H. Parsons, Faculty Senate President)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

RE:  
I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a. Accepted. Effective Date: 7/1/98
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on  
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   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III.
   a. Received and acknowledged
   b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION:

Distribution Date: 4/1/98  Signed:  
(President of the College)
January 30, 1998

To: Sharon Kehoe, Chair
Graduate Curriculum and Research Policies
Faculty Senate

From: Eileen Daniel, Chair
Department of Health Science

Re: Amended Alternative M.S.Ed. in Education-Health

Please find enclosed 12 copies of the proposed documents for distribution. The documents include the following:

- Side-by-side comparison - revised
- Proposal - revised
- Letters of support
  - Chair
  - Dean, School of Professions
  - Library
  - Academic Computing

The side-by-side and proposal have been revised based on suggestions from you and other committee members. I appreciate all your help and input in the preparation of this document. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 395-5481.
Overview: Our department is submitting the enclosed new option in our existing master of science in education-health degree for your committee's review. This option would add to our existing permanent certification program and would also register our graduate program with the State Education Department as an alternative program for students to become provisionally certified to teach health education K-12.

Our current master's program offers permanent certification in health education for students already provisionally certified to teach health or a related subject area. After completion of their master's program, these students, with appropriate experience, will become permanently certified. The alternative program will provide provisional certification to students at the master's level who do not have provisional certification from their undergraduate program.

1. Academic rationale: Many of our potential graduate students who are not provisionally certified have limited options to obtain appropriate credentials to teach health in New York State or, should they relocate, in other states. Their current options are to (1) earn a second bachelor's degree in Health Education or (2) seek an alternative credential at the master's level by working with the State Education Department via BOCES. BOCES will provide, for a fee, an evaluation of a student's transcript(s) but does not certify students. Neither of these options ideally suits the majority of our graduate students who wish to become certified health teachers. A second bachelor's degree will provide provisional certification, but students will still need a master's degree in order to become permanently certified. With a registered program, students will work directly with Health Science faculty. A final concern with certification utilizing BOCES is that students may be penalized if they move out of state since only a registered program offers reciprocity.

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The current demand for health teachers is high. The vast majority of our 1996 and 1997 undergraduates have found positions as health teachers in the Rochester-Buffalo area. As many current health teachers near retirement, we expect the demand to increase. Demand is also high out of state and in other parts of New York.

4. Entrance requirements: Entrance requirements will not change from our existing admission criteria and procedures:

   All applicants for the Master of Science in Education (Health) program must have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. All applicants will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine course requirements for their program. Academic standards for acceptance into the program include the following:

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5. Program requirements: The only change will be the addition of a nine credit student teaching requirement (HLS 595) for a total of 45 credits. Four existing courses, HLS 602-Principles and Philosophy of Health Education; HLS 640-Program Planning and Educational Strategies; HLS 641-Health Education Organization in the School and Community; and HLS 645-Applied Education Strategies in Health Education are designated as education courses.

Depending on their preparation, students may need additional health content courses by advisement as pre or co-requisites. Thirty-six hours of health content courses are required for certification either at the undergraduate or graduate level. Students may need to fulfill additional courses in order to meet this state requirement. A side-by-side comparison of the current program and the new proposed option is enclosed.

6. Exit requirements: A total of 45 credits including a nine credit student teaching and a 3.0 GPA.

7. Letters of review/comment from Department Chair: Dean: Enclosed

8. Drake Library resources, Academic computing services and other support services: Existing support services will meet the needs of these students. See enclosed letters.

9. Course descriptions: No changes in existing courses with the exception of offering a concurrent 500 level of our student teaching practicum (HLP 495) - Practicum in School Health Education. 12 cr:

HLS 595-Prerequisites: HLS 600, 602, 640, 641, 645, 684, 686, 698 or 700, appropriate electives and health content courses, and a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Enables students to plan, teach, and evaluate their effectiveness in utilizing eight methodologies of school health education; determine student needs and engage in student-teacher planning; and apply health education knowledge and skills to promote health services. Requires students to teach at different grade levels. (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading). 9 cr. Spring semester.

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October 8, 1997

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    Faculty Senate Graduate Curriculum and Research Policies

From: Eileen Daniel, Chair
      Department of Health Science

Re: Alternative M.S.Ed. in Education-Health

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TO: Dr. Sharon Kehoe, Chair
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FROM: Diane Elliott, Interim Dean
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RE: Proposal for Alternative M.S.Ed. in Education-Health

October 28, 1997

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December 18, 1997

To: Eileen Daniel
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From: Sally Petty
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Re: Alternative M S Ed. In Education-Health

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December 16, 1997

Dr. Eileen Daniel, Chair
Department of Health Science
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Sincerely,

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