LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 5

DELETION

(Certificate, Degree, Option/Emphasis/Concentration, Organizational Unit)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas Fayetteville
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4. Proposed effective date: Fall 2017
5. Title of certificate, degree program, option/emphasis/concentration, or organizational unit:

Human Development and Family Sciences major (note, we are requesting the concentrations be deleted, not the major).

* Birth through Kindergarten Concentration
* Child Development Concentration
* Lifespan Concentration

1. CIP Code: 19.0701
2. Degree Code: 4200
3. Reason for deletion:

The current degree program consists of one major with three concentrations (Birth through Kindergarten, Child Development, and Lifespan). The Birth through Kindergarten concentration has recently been approved for teacher licensure through the Arkansas Department of Education. As part of the approval process, the Birth through Kindergarten curriculum had to be modified extensively to meet licensure requirements. The faculty within the Human Development and Family Sciences area agree that very little overlap remained in core courses between Birth through Kindergarten and the other two concentrations of Lifespan and Child Development. Therefore, the Birth through Kindergarten concentration should be a stand-alone major within the Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences. As such, the concentration of Birth through Kindergarten with the major of Human Development and Family Sciences should be deleted.

Furthermore, the Human Development and Family Sciences faculty would like to merge the two current concentrations of Lifespan and Child Development into a single major of Human Development and Family Sciences with no concentrations. Significant overlap exists in the requirements for the two concentrations. Therefore, it seemed more logical to have a stand-alone major in Human Development and Family Sciences. Thus, the two concentrations also need to be deleted.

1. Number of students still enrolled in program:

Child Development Concentration – 121

Birth through Kindergarten – 48

Lifespan - 48

1. Expected graduation date of last student: May 2020
2. Name of courses that will be deleted as a result of this action: No courses will be deleted.
3. How will students in the deleted program be accommodated?

Students will be allowed to continue under their current degree program until they graduate. They will also have the option of transition to the new proposed major. No new students will be admitted under this degree plan. No courses will be deleted and courses will be offered on the same schedule as planned under the current structure of the program.

1. Provide documentation of written notification to students currently enrolled in program.

Because all students in the program will be allowed to graduate under their current degree program, or have the option of changing their degree program to the proposed major, there is no need to notify students of the impending change.

1. Indicate the amount of program funds available for reallocation:

The program is being reconfigured into a new Birth through Kindergarten major and the major of Human Development and Family Sciences will continue to exist without any concentrations. The same courses are being offered on the same planned schedule. It is not expected that this change will impact the budget and no funds are needed for reallocation.

1. Provide additional program information if requested by ADHE staff.

President/Chancellor Approval Date: November 23, 2016

Board of Trustees Notification Date: January 26, 2017

Chief Academic Officer: Ashok Saxena Date: November 16, 2016