Preliminary Entitlement to Plan
Planning and Review Committee 2008-2009

I. Degree: M. S. in Gerontology

Sponsoring Department(s): Department of Human Development and Family Studies

College(s): College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

II. Program description:

As stated in the request for Entitlement to Plan document:
It is a well known fact the United States population is aging. The first of the baby-boomer generation is already old enough to qualify for Social Security benefits. There will be a sizeable increase in the need for suitable housing, social programs, health care, etc., for the growing numbers of elderly persons. The proposed master’s degree would provide professionals well-versed in such issues, trends, technology, practices, services, management, and coordination of services needed this growing segment of the population. There is no such master’s degree program in Wisconsin and only two in Minnesota.

There would be need for two additional FTE’s to support the program.

II. Committee Findings:

The Planning and Review Committee strongly recommends the development of this proposed new program for the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The program fits very well with UW-Stout’s mission and its current program array. In particular, the mission statement says that UW-Stout is characterized by a distinctive array of programs leading to professional careers focused on the needs of society.