

DATE: April 4, 2008
TO: PRC Committee
FROM: John Wesolek, Dean
SUBJECT: **Dean's, Department Chair's, and Program Director's Response to PRC Report on B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies**

Dean's and Department Chair's Response:

- 1. It is recommended that the Dean continue to pursue funding as part of the University of Wisconsin-Stout Campus Physical Development Plan 2007-13 to support the laboratory space needed by this Program**
 - Since the new College of Education, Health & Human Sciences (CEHHS) will soon (July 2008) be merged with the School of Education, we will strongly encourage the shared use of Early Childhood laboratories to meet the applied learning needs of Human Development and Family Studies' students as per this request.
 - The Life Span Center is part of Stout's long range plan which is currently on hold until the Campus Master Plan is completed. Discussions about its level of priority should resume later this year.

Program Director's Responses:

- 1. Recommendation: Pursue revision of the HDFS program until it is completed. Also recommended a continual review of courses for possible unnecessary overlap or repetition.**
 - The revision of the HDFS program was completed and approved at all levels February 5, 2008.
 - Informational meetings have been held with students and course offerings for the fall already reflect the changes.
 - Promotional materials and the HDFS website are being updated to reflect the changes as well.
 - The HDFS faculty plan to continue to review classes in monthly department meetings.
- 2. Recommendation: Implementation of the Mid-Program Review in spring 2008. Also review and evaluate the results in order to see that it is accomplishing what it was designed to do.**
 - All students were informed of the policy via email and informational meeting the week of March 24th.
 - Required signatures from the students are currently being collected.
 - Faculty also has been informed with students for review.

- The faculty review committee has been created with a meeting set for designated students on April 18th.
- The Program Director will assess and review the procedures with faculty after completion of the process on a semester basis.

3. Recommendation: develop a plan to offer some of the Program's core courses on an on-line format.

- Explore with Program Committee, faculty, department chair and Dean of College which courses would be most applicable to an on-line format and the feasibility of offering courses in this format.
- Explore possibility with Program Committee, faculty, department chair and Dean of College feasibility of customized tuition as a funding mechanism for on-line courses.