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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to deactivate the major in Recreation and Leisure Studies (M.Ed. and Ph.D.) will be an agenda item for the August 28, 2013, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc:

Interim Provost Libby V. Morris

Dr. Laura D. Jolly

OUTLINE FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF A GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia	Date:	1.3.13
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2. School/College: Education

3. Department/Division: Counseling and Human Development Services

4: Program: Master's and Doctoral Programs in Recreation and Leisure Studies

Degree: M.Ed. and Ph.D.

Major: Recreation and Leisure Studies

5. Deactivation <u>X</u> or Teri	mination
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6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: 8.1.12

7. Last date students will graduate from this program: 8.1.16

8. Abstract of the deactivated program:

The graduate programs in Recreation and Leisure Studies (RLS) have always been small cohort-based programs. With the new COE minimum course enrollment measures instituted several years ago, the program has frequently had to request exception to the headcount policy. During the past two years, student admissions and retention has decreased significantly. Therefore, the decision was made to deactivate the current programs and have the faculty reconceptualize those programs prior to reactivation.

The five remaining master's students will complete their programs before May2014 (three in May 2013 and two in 2014) and are primarily enrolled in 4000/6000 or 5000/7000 with undergraduates where they provide leadership to various class processes. Any additional courses required of their degree programs will be taught in overload by the current faculty.

The remaining doctoral students will continue to work with their faculty advisors on their dissertations and preliminary examinations. These students are currently taking their supportive coursework outside of the program, having completed all of their core courses. Any additional courses required of their degree programs will be taught as overload by the current faculty.

Faculty will remain involved in the RLS award-winning undergraduate program through teaching and advising. We are working within the department to incorporate RLS faculty into current programs and utilize their expertise in specialty areas and research methodologies across all programs in the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services. We are also developing a new undergraduate major where several of these faculty will play key roles.

Discussions are also in progress establishing methods by which faculty can bring doctoral students wanting to study with current RLS faculty to our department via other existing programs (for example, through College Student Affairs Administration or Counseling and Student Personnel Services through Gwinnett).