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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Jack Kirby 

DATE: October 28, 2014

SUBJECT: Curriculum Proposal #14-15-02, REV #2  
Outdoor Recreation Leadership Minor  
FINAL FACULTY SENATE APPROVAL ON 12/9/2014

I recommend approval of the attached REVISION #2 Curriculum Proposal 14-15-02. This proposal allows for the reduction of credit hours for the outdoor recreation leadership minor. This proposal will change the required hours from 24-credit hours to 20-credit hours.

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<b>Proposal Number:</b>	
<b>School/Department/Program:</b>	Health & Human Performance/Outdoor Recreation Leadership Minor
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<b>Implementation Date Requested:</b>	January 12, 2015

- I. **PROPOSAL.** Write a brief abstract, not exceeding 100 words, which describes the overall content of the proposal.

The Outdoor Recreation Leadership minor was developed 7 years ago. With changes in the Outdoor Recreation Field, the Outdoor Recreation Faculty believes the minor needs to be updated for better alignment with current trends.

It is proposed to reduce the credit hours required to graduate with a minor in Outdoor Recreation Leadership from 24 to 20 by changing the core that is required from 20 to 14 credit hours within the current curriculum and changing the elective requirement from 4 credit hours to 6.

The courses that are currently listed in Minor Electives Group I will be removed. Six credit hours of outdoor recreation activity courses that are currently offered within the curriculum will replace those listed under the Minor Electives Group 1.

All other current course offerings will be placed in Minor Electives Group II.

These changes will make the minor more functional and attractive while providing a stronger, more applicable base of course work to the students choosing a minor in Outdoor Recreation Leadership.

The following course descriptions will have the course prerequisites removed. RECR 1177 (Adventure Water Sports), RECR 2220 (Program Planning and Organization) and RECR 3330 (Group Leadership). Course prerequisites currently required are not necessary for course completion and success.

- II. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL.** Provide a response for each letter, A-H, and for each Roman Numeral II-V. If any section does not apply to your proposal, reply N/A.

- A. Deletion of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s):

**Overview:** Removing 6 credit hours from the Required Minor Course List. All 6 credit hours are being moved to Electives Group I or II.

Current Required Minor Courses: 20 required hours + 4 elective hours = 24 TOTAL hours

Proposed Required Minor Courses: 14 required hours + 6 elective hours = 20 TOTAL hours

**Required Minor Course Reduction:**

- Move RECR 1150 Introduction to Rock Climbing (2) from Required Minor Course List to Minor Electives Group I.
- Move the following 4 credit hours from Required Minor Course List to Minor Electives Group II:  
RECR 2250 Select Topics in Certifications - 2  
PHED 2200 Accident Analysis and Emergency Care - 2

Note: Course Descriptions and prerequisites will be updated to reflect what is actually being taught in the courses.

Total hours deleted. 4 credit hours

B. Addition of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s): No additional courses will be added.

Total hours added. None

C. Provision for interchangeable use of course(s) with program(s):

D. Revision of course content. Include, as an appendix, a revised course description, written in complete sentences, suitable for use in the university catalog.

PHED 2240 Outdoor Leisure Activities..... 2 hrs.

Safety, knowledge and skills specific to incorporating outdoor recreation into the physical education classroom. Activities are applied and analyzed through the following: experiential education, rappelling, rock climbing, orienteering, geocaching, and others. (New course description for catalog)

*Note for information only: This course is not a part of the Outdoor Recreation Leadership minor. It is a course offered to Physical Education and Exercise Science majors taught by the Outdoor Recreation Leadership faculty.*

RECR 1177 Introduction to Adventure Water Sports..... 2 hrs.

This course provides an introduction to various adventure water activities including one or all of the following: canoeing, kayaking and white water rafting. Students investigate trip planning, water safety, "Leave No Trace" ethics, and equipment use and care. Students will be introduced to these activities through experiential learning in the swimming pool and trips on regional rivers. All students must pass a basic swim test to show competency and ease in the water (Ability to swim 50 yards and tread water for 5 minutes required). (New course description for catalog)

RECR 1188 Introduction to Adventure Winter Sports..... 2 hrs.

This course provides an introduction to various adventure winter activities including one or all of the following: Cross country skiing, Snow Shoeing, Downhill Skiing, Snowboarding, Winter Camping and Mountaineering. Students will be introduced to these activities through experiential learning in and around campus and trips to regional ski and Nordic centers. (New course description for catalog)

RECR 2220 Program Planning and Organization..... 3 hrs.

A presentation of the underlying principles for effective recreation planning. Attention is given to the variety of programs associated with recreation and the interests of the participants. Students will also examine methods of planning, organization, leadership, facilities and equipment. Independent Study. *Instructor Approval.* (New course description for catalog)

RECR 3330 Group Leadership..... 3 hrs.

This course presents information on group dynamics, leadership styles, activity facilitation, risk management, liability issues, and planning. Students will obtain practical knowledge of group situations and principles necessary for effective leadership. Opportunities to develop their own leadership skills through peer teaching will be provided. (New course description for catalog)

- E. Other changes to existing courses such as changes to title, course number, and elective or required status

**Remove the following from the current listing of courses in Minor Electives Group I & II.** The courses are not being deleted. They are just no longer going to be a part of the suggested electives for the minor:

- PHED 2232 Basic Aquatics - 2
- PHED 2233 Advanced Aquatics – Lifeguarding - 2
- RECR 1178 Scuba Diving “Open Water Certification” - 2
- PHED 3381 Water Safety Instructors - 2
- PHED 3342 Field Experience in Adaptive Physical Education - 2-4

**Move from Required Minor Course List to Minor Electives Group I:**

- RECR 1150 Introduction to Rock Climbing - 2

**Move from Required Minor Course List to Minor Electives Group II:**

- PHED 2200 Accident Analysis and Emergency Care - 2
- RECR 2250 Select Topics in Certifications - 2

**Move from Minor Electives Group II to Minor Electives Group I:**

- RECR 1177 Introduction to Adventure Water Sports - 2
- RECR 1188 Introduction to Adventure Winter Sports - 2

**Add the following to Minor Electives Group II.** None of these courses are new. They are currently in the catalog.

- PHED 1116 Casting and Angling - 1
- RECR 1153 Seminar in Outdoor Recreation - 2
- RECR 1155 Recreation Field Work II - 2

- F. Creation of new course(s). For each new course

1. Designate the course number, title, units of credit, prerequisites (if any), ownership (FSU or shared) and specify its status as an elective or required course. If you are creating a shared course, attach a memo from the Deans of the affected Schools explaining the rationale for the course being shared.  
**N/A**
2. Include, as an appendix, a course description, written in complete sentences, suitable for use in the college catalog.
3. Include, as an appendix, a detailed course outline consisting of at least two levels.
4. In order to meet the requirements as outlined in Goal One of the Strategic Plan, please include Outcome Competencies and Methods of Assessment as an appendix. Examples are available upon request from the Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

- G. Attach an itemized summary of the present program(s) affected, if any, and of the proposed change(s).

Describe how this proposal affects the hours needed to complete this program. Specifically, what is the net gain or loss in hours? Use the format for Current and Proposed Programs in Appendix A.

**The hours needed to attain a minor in Outdoor Recreation Leadership will be reduced by 4 credit hours. See Appendices A & B**

**III. RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSAL.**

- A. **Quantitative Assessment:** Indicate the types of assessment data, i.e., surveys, interviews, capstone courses, projects, licensure exams, nationally-normed tests, locally developed measurements, accreditation reports, etc., that were collected and analyzed to determine that curricular changes were warranted. Quantitative data is preferred.

The Outdoor Recreation Leadership Minor was established 7 years ago. As of the Fall Semester 2013 there were 4 students in the Outdoor Recreation Leadership Minor.

The number of hours required (24) is more than most minors at Fairmont State University. 24 credit hours are more than most other institutions (regionally & nationally) offering a similar minor. The proposed change in number of minor hours required will allow the Fairmont State Outdoor Recreation Leadership minor to be more competitive.

The current required minor courses and electives are not able to be taught on a regular basis due to the limited number of faculty in the Outdoor Recreation Leadership program. The lack of course availability limits the number of students that are able to complete the minor. Reducing the total number of required minor credit hours will enable courses to be offered on a regular basis (at least once each academic year), thereby enabling students to plan, schedule and obtain a minor in a more timely fashion.

The realignment of courses within the minor makes it more relevant to the Outdoor Recreation profession and to the standards set by the Association for Experiential Education and the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education.

Course prerequisite removal: The following prerequisites are being removed from courses because they are not necessary for course completion or success.

- RECR 1177 (Adventure Water Sports) will no longer have a water-based prerequisite (PHED 2232, 2233 or 3381). Students taking this course must pass an in class swim test to ensure that they are capable of self-rescue.
- RECR 2220 (Program Planning and Organization) and RECR 3330 (Group Leadership) will no longer require RECR 1141 (Introduction to Recreation).
- Instructor approval has been added to RECR 2220 (Program Planning and Organization) due to the independent study set up of the course.

- B. **Qualitative Assessment:** Based upon the assessment data above, indicate why a curricular change is justified. Indicate the expected results of the change. Be sure to include an estimate of the increased cost, or reduction in cost of implementation. FOR EXAMPLE: Will new faculty, facilities, equipment, or library materials be required?

There is no increase in cost to this change. There will be no new faculty needed. We expect the numbers in the Outdoor Recreation Leadership minor to grow as a result of this change.

- IV. Should this proposal affect any course or program in another school, a memo must be sent to the Dean of each school impacted and a copy of the memo(s) must be included with this proposal. In addition, the Deans of the affected schools must sign below to indicate their notification of this proposal. **N/A**

By signing here, you are indicating your college's/school's notification of this proposal.

College/School	Dean	Signature

Should this proposal affect any course to be added or deleted from the general studies requirements; a memo from the chair of the General Studies Committee indicating approval of the change must be included with this proposal. **N/A**

- V. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.**

**APPENDIX A**  
 Minor in Outdoor Recreation Leadership  
 Current Program

<b>Required Minor Courses</b>		<b>HRS</b>
RECR 1141	Introduction to Recreation	3
RECR 1150	Introduction to Rock Climbing	2
RECR 1151	Backcountry Living Skills	2
PHED 2200	Accident Analysis and Emergency Care	2
RECR 2220	Program Planning and Organization	3
RECR 2250	Select Topics in Certifications	2
RECR 3330	Group Leadership	3
RECR 3340	Internship/Camp Administration	3
<b>TOTAL Required Minor Courses</b>		<b>20</b>
Minor Electives Group I		2
PHED 2232	Basic Aquatics	2
PHED 2233	Advanced Aquatics – Lifeguarding	2
RECR 1178	Scuba Diving "Open Water Certification"	2
PHED 3381	Water Safety Instructors	2
Minor Electives Group II		2
RECR 1154	Recreation Field Work I	2
RECR 1177	Introduction to Adventure Water Sports	2
RECR 1188	Introduction to Adventure Winter Sports	2
RECR 1199	Special Topics in Recreation	1-6
PHED 3342	Field Experience in Adapted Physical Education	2-4
PHED 3365	Activities in Outdoor Education	1-3
PHED 3366	Field Experience in Outdoor Education	1-3
<b>TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR</b>		<b>24</b>

**APPENDIX A**  
 Minor in Outdoor Recreation Leadership  
 Proposed Program

<b>Required Minor Courses</b>		<b>HRS</b>
RECR 1141	Introduction to Recreation	3
RECR 1151	Backcountry Living Skills	2
RECR 2220	Program Planning & Organization	3
RECR 3330	Group Leadership	3
RECR 3340	Internship/Camp Administration	3
<b>TOTAL Required Minor Courses</b>		<b>14</b>
Minor Electives Group I		4
RECR 1150	Introduction to Rock Climbing	2
RECR 1177	Introduction to Adventure Water Sports	2
RECR 1188	Introduction to Adventure Winter Sports	2
Minor Electives Group II		2
RECR 1153	Seminar in Outdoor Recreation	2
RECR 1154	Recreation Field Work I	2
RECR 1155	Recreation Field Work II	2
RECR 1199	Special Topics in Recreation	1-6
RECR 2250	Select Topics in Certifications	2
PHED1116	Casting and Angling	1
PHED 2200	Accident Analysis and Emergency Care	2
PHED 3365	Activities in Outdoor Education	1-3
PHED 3366	Field Experience in Outdoor Education	1-3
<b>TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR</b>		<b>20</b>