Hospitality Management: BS Degree Program Proposal

Summary of Changes

10.6.15

1. We are not proposing a new organizational structure at this time, the proposed Hospitality Program will be housed in the Health and Human Development Department, alongside degree programs in Food & Nutrition and Sustainable Food & Bioenergy Systems. The School of Interdisciplinary Studies in Food, Ag & Business has been deleted from the proposal to reduce additional administrative costs and to simplify the proposal.

2. The name of one of the options has been shortened from “Value-Added Food Enterprise” to “Food Enterprise”—to avoid unnecessarily limiting the scope of that option and to avoid limiting future curriculum development in the area of food science. Food enterprise in this program is in the context of Hospitality Management, ie connecting producers of Montana’s specialty crops to institutional foodservice management.

3. Some of the language in the proposal has been revised to reflect MSU’s unique program niche (food and lodging tourism) and to avoid duplication with UofM’s Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management degree program. Our Sports & Recreation Administration option is focused on health facilities, gyms, and spas etc. rather than outdoor recreation and nature tourism.

4. There is additional explanation regarding the specific needs for commercial teaching kitchen infrastructure. A feasibility study is underway to explore the re-purposing of a residence hall dining room and kitchen (Harrison).

5. The size of the request for new faculty and staff positions has been reduced from 7 to 3. The proposal requests 2 new TT faculty lines in the areas of food science/culinary arts and hotel/tourism management, and one NTT faculty line for teaching hospitality management labs, managing internships and, coordinating commercial teaching kitchen uses with the Gallatin College Culinary Arts AAS degree program. The Food & Nutrition Program in the Health and Human Development Department is dedicating one of its TT faculty lines to hospitality/foodservice management in support of the proposed degree program.

6. Minor changes have been made to the curriculum requirements of each option to ensure that total credits required is 120.