

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: April 1, 2021
Re: Approval of a request for a No-Contest Termination of the Dietetics, Nutrition and Food Sciences by the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

On April 1, 2021, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Nutrition and Food Sciences Department in the College of Agricultural Life Sciences for a No-Contest Termination of the Dietetics, Nutrition and Food Sciences (DNFS) major. This request accompanies a request to establish three new concentrations within the existing Nutrition and Food Sciences major: 1) Dietetics, 2) Food Sciences, and 3) Nutrition, Sustainability and Society. The CAC also approved the proposal to establish the concentrations (see separate memo). These linked changes are the outcome of a departmental strategic process aimed at improving recruitment and retention as well as creating clearer and more dynamic pathways for students looking to major in the areas of nutrition and food sciences. The curriculum for the DNFS major will serve as the requirements for new Dietetics concentration in the Nutrition and Food Sciences major.

Students currently in the DNFS major (90 at the time of proposal submission) will graduate with that major. If the no-contest termination of the DNFS major is approved by the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees, and the related proposal to establish the three new concentrations in the Nutrition and Food Sciences major is approved by the Faculty Senate, students declaring a Nutrition and Food Sciences major with a concentration in Dietetics after June 1, 2021 will graduate with that major.

The no-contest termination of the DNFS major was approved by department faculty, the CALS Curriculum Committee, CALS faculty, and Dean of CALS, Leslie Parise. Letters of support were also provided by the individuals below.

- Scott Thomas, Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences,
- Nancy Matthews, Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
- Jane Kolodinsky, Food Systems Undergraduate Steering Committee