

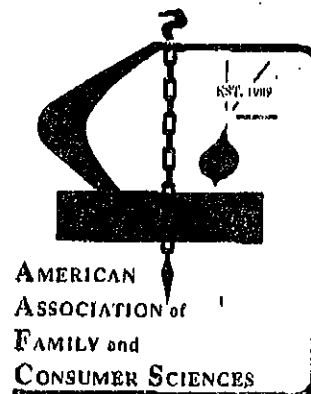
The Source and Voice for Strong Families

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Greetings:

In its March 1998 meeting, the Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences voted to grant accreditation to the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Kentucky. This action followed careful review and consideration of the self-study report, the report of the site visit team, and the institution's response to the team's report.

The Council commends the Unit and the faculty for the high quality of family and consumer sciences' programs. The following strengths are particularly noteworthy:

1. The College has strong leadership and is recognized as a strong program across campus. The Dean is well-qualified and respected and is a strong advocate for the program both on and off campus and provides support for professional development of faculty and students.
2. The College has an active and effective planning process that has resulted in a mission statement and goals that are congruent with those of the University and the family and consumer sciences profession.
3. The College has a strong student focus and supports and encourages leadership development through pre-professional activities and organizational involvement. Students and University administration cited effective student recruitment, advising, and retention programs. The number of scholarships and awards for students has significantly increased over the last few years.
4. The faculty have the respect of colleagues across campus and are highly regarded for their cooperation with faculty in other units and offices on campus. Faculty members are highly productive in grants and research which adds to the resource base of the College and are involved in professional activities which increase the visibility of the College.

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5. The library staff provides excellent support for students and faculty, and the new computer laboratory and student resources center in Erickson Hall greatly enhance learning opportunities for students.

To assist in further development of the programs of the Unit, the Council recommends the following to strengthen compliance with the accreditation criteria:

1. [Criterion 2.3(2)] Provide continued evidence of an effective working relationship between the Home Economics Education program and faculty in the College.
2. [Criteria 2.4, 2.5, 2.6] Analyze funding to ensure that operational and technical support funds for the College are comparable to other university units. Develop a mechanism to communicate to College administrators and faculty the University funding constraints and short-term solutions and to use the information in College planning and hiring.
3. [Criteria 3.2(2), 3.2(3)a.b.] Further strengthen the integrative focus and professional orientation of HES 400 and include standards for ethical professional practice and the role of professionals in formation of public policy.
4. [Criterion 4.5(1)] Develop and implement student outcomes assessment procedures in all programs. (Form 8, Column 3)
5. [Criteria 8.1, 8.2] Review space and facilities and develop and implement a strategic plan for utilization, improvement, and maintenance.

Actions taken in response to these recommendations are to be described in the annual report which should arrive in the Office of Accreditation by September 1, 1998 for consideration in the Council's meeting in October 1998.

Accreditation is granted by the Council for Accreditation for a period of ten years. Any extension and/or provisional accreditation periods are counted as part of the ten years. Therefore, this accreditation expires in Spring 2008. The next self-study will be due on or before February 1, 2007.

Members of the Council for Accreditation join me in congratulating you and the faculty on the quality of programs offered by the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Kentucky.

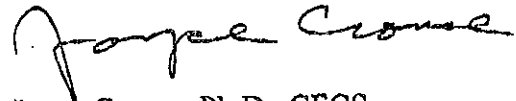
This comes with our good wishes for continued success of the programs.

Sincerely,



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