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March 3, 2005

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Folu Ogundimu, UCAP Chairperson  
Susan Melnick, UCFA Co-Chairperson  
Mary Bresnahan, UCFA Co-Chairperson  
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Merry Morash, UGC Chairperson

**FROM:** Jon Sticklen, Chairperson  
Executive Committee of Academic Council

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**SUBJECT:** Transfer of FCE to the College of Social Science

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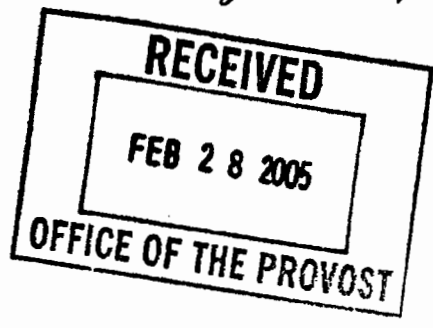
The Executive Committee of Academic Council met on February 3, 2005 and reviewed the attached information with regard to the Transfer of Family Child Ecology to the College of Social Science. It was agreed that this item should be reviewed by your committee and we are asking that you be prepared to report back to ECAC at our April 5, 2005 meeting.

Please send written reports to Julie in the Academic Governance office by Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> to include with the April 5<sup>th</sup> ECAC agenda.

Thank you!

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February 28, 2005

Professor John Hudzik  
Acting Provost  
Office of the Provost  
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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of February 25, 2005 in which you request confirmation of the willingness of the College of Social Science to accept the transfer of the Department of Family and Child Ecology (FCE) from the College of Human Ecology to the College of Social Science.

I am pleased to confirm the support of the College of Social Science for this transfer of FCE. The transfer has been discussed and unanimously endorsed by both the Chairs and Directors on October 27, 2004 and by the Faculty Advisory Council of the College of Social Science on December 8, 2004. The College of Social Science accepts the transfer and agrees to work closely with the faculty and staff of FCE and the administration of the College of Human Ecology, to accomplish the transfer, being certain to address the issues that you have raised within the clear parameters stated in your letter.



As you know the College of Social Science has recently accepted the transfer of the Department of Economics from the College of Business, and the Department of History from the College of Art and Letters. Among our priority concerns in these transfers was that both graduate and undergraduate students in these departments would not be disadvantaged by the transfers. We will ensure that this is also the case with the students in FCE.

The College of Social Science welcomes FCE and looks forward to a productive collaboration.

John, I appreciate the support that you and your office have provided in facilitating this transfer.

Sincerely,

David J. Campbell  
Acting Dean and  
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

cc. Dean Marietta Baba, College of Social Science  
Paul Menchik, Chair, SSC Faculty Advisory Council

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February 25, 2005

Anne Soderman, Acting Chairperson  
Family and Child Ecology  
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Dear Anne,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the department and faculty requesting transfer of The Department of Family Child Ecology to the College of Social Science. It is my understanding that Dean Baba has concluded an advice and consultation process involving chairs and directors and governance in the College of Social Science with the outcome that the College is accepting of the requested transfer. I am writing Dean Baba separately for her to confirm this understanding, and am including both your letter of January 24, 2005 and this letter for her reference.

I am assuming that a positive response from Dean Baba will come quickly, and in that event, we will set the wheels in motion from here to appropriately consult with University level academic governance on the proposed transfer. Although I would expect relatively expeditious consideration by University governance, I must also provide them with sufficient time to deliberate and report. As we have previously discussed, however, and as FCE and SSC have already had discussions, planning should continue between FCE and SSC while university governance deliberates. I will request that governance consultation be concluded before the end of Spring Semester and that overall planning should have as a goal completion of the transfer by July 1, 2005.

In the remainder of this letter, allow me to briefly summarize and reiterate some key points that I have raised in our previous conversations and in response to some points in your letter of 24 January, 2005. These include:

1. The Department is to be congratulated for engaging in its visioning and strategic planning process; there are some very interesting features to the plan. FCE should now work with Dean Baba, and with others whom she may designate, to consider FCE's plan within the context of the SSC's strategic plan, goals and expectations for departments. This will occur, I assume, during the transition planning phase as well as after actual transfer.
2. "Family-Child-Community" research is an interest of many units and colleges across campus. Vice President Ian Gray and I will jointly convene a cross college, multi-unit group (under the operational direction of VP Gray) to consider the future of research in this vital area of university interest and



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priority. We expect FCE to be a player with other key colleges and units in these discussions about institutional directions and priorities, potential for cross-unit collaboration, including joint faculty positions, and support for an enhanced and coordinated institutional effort in this area.

3. During the period of transition and while the "research working group" considers the future of family-child-community research at MSU, FCE will be transferred in whole to the College of Social Science, and remain such during this period. Existing and upcoming faculty and staff vacancies in FCE will be held open awaiting recommendations of the research working group. We anticipate their recommendations during Fall Semester 2005.
4. Discussion should ensure immediately involving Drs. Linda Stanford and June Youatt, Acting Dean Song, and relevant associate Deans in SSC regarding issues surrounding students and their majors, transfer of degree programs, and conditions in which students are treated fairly.

Once FCE and SSC's strategic plans and goals have been interconnected and once University-wide strategic research directions for family-child-community have been recommended through the working group, it is anticipated that planning would proceed expeditiously with respect to vacant positions, and in some cases their reconfiguration. This planning might include examining the potential for joint appointments with other relevant departments and programs, reconfiguration of vacancies to advance strategic plans and goals, and the possibility of new positions. Over the next few months, FCE should continue to take the kind of strong and purposeful actions which will position it to compete effectively for resources and faculty positions. As I mentioned while meeting with FCE faculty last January, it is very important for FCE to strengthen its commitment to research as a means of positioning itself to be strongly connected to the campus-wide discussions and to compete effectively for resources.

In the period of transition, the Office of the Provost should be made aware through Dean Baba's office whether vacancies in positions are seriously impacting the ability of the Department to meet its instructional and related student obligations. Should this be the case, the Provost's Office will consider a modest amount of non-recurring transition funding to engage temporary faculty and related assistance.

4. We recognize the importance of the Child Development Laboratory to the programs and activities of FCE. Assuming development of a satisfactory budget and business plan for CDL and assurances of adequate administrative leadership of CDL, we would assume that the Lab would remain under the administration of FCE and the College of Social Science. Should concerns in these two areas remain bothersome, an alternative administrative arrangement might envision a partnership between FCE and the College of Social Science or some other administrative entity on campus to assist in lab administration during a transition period.

It is my understanding that the faculty of FCE believe strongly that a move to the College of Social Science offers the Department great opportunity to strengthen its programs and activities and to significantly develop the quality and reputation of its endeavors. For its part, the College of Social Science sees the move of FCE as a way of strengthening its historic interests in issues related to child, family and community. Several units and faculty within the College of Social Science offer strengthening synergies for FCE.

Again, thank you for your letter, and we will try now to move the transition proposal forward expeditiously.

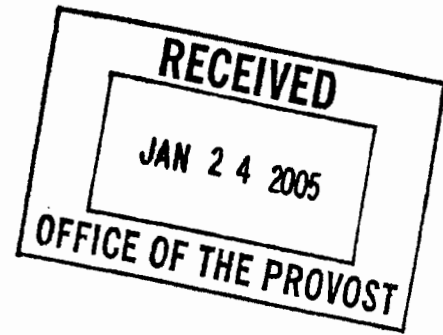
Sincerely,



John K. Hudzik  
Acting Provost

c: L. Simon  
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January 24, 2005

To: John Hudzik, Acting Provost

From: Anne K. Soderman, Acting Chairperson, FCE  
*[Handwritten signature]*

Re: Transfer of the Department of Family and Child Ecology

The Department of Family and Child Ecology (FCE) is requesting administrative realignment and a transfer from the College of Human Ecology to the College of Social Science (SS). This request is based on the following:

1. An official vote on August 16, 2004, by the faculty of FCE, approving such a transfer to SS. This was done after considerable faculty deliberation, consultation with MSU central administrators, upon the advice and approval of Acting Deans William S. Abbett and Won O. Song, and after discussions with Dean Marietta Baba. The action was then approved by the College of Human Ecology Advisory Committee on October 12, 2004.
2. An official vote by the College of Social Science's Chairpersons and Directors on October 27, 2004, unanimously approving the transfer of FCE to SS.
3. An official vote by the College of Social Science's Faculty Advisory Committee on December 8, 2004, unanimously approving the transfer of FCE to SS.

We appreciated your assurances at our January 21<sup>st</sup> faculty meeting that all FCE undergraduate and graduate programs will transfer as is into Social Science and be held in tact following the transfer. We would further request that current and upcoming open faculty positions remain with the Department following the transfer, and that every effort be made to restore a number of tenure-stream positions that have been given up because of withdrawals in the past several years. We also ask that the Family and Child Clinic located in Olin Health Center and administered by our Marriage and Family Therapy faculty remain under the sole auspices of the

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Department and that the Child Development Laboratories (CDLs) remain under the sole administration of the Department. A CDL business plan and research plan are being prepared and will be submitted to your office no later than February 3, 2005.

Faculty members in the Department worked for several months over the summer and fall in refining the unit's mission, vision and goals, subsequent to MSU's proposed restructuring of the College of Human Ecology. Our study resulted in the development of an in-depth white paper, which has been shared with your office, other central administrators, and all administrators in the College of Social Science. Included are sections on the proposed mission of the Department, four unifying themes (Family Health, Individual & Family Resiliency, Families & Technology, and Human Development & Education), goals of the Department, and a discussion of the infrastructure that is being created to support cutting-edge research, outreach, policy and instruction. Likely linkages with other units, both on and off campus, and international perspectives are described. An appended timeline sets out proposed specific actions to be taken by the Department.

University programs grow, develop, and change in ways similar to individuals and families, and the College of Human Ecology has changed many times since its inception more than 100 years ago. We recognize that that current change is essential. It is reflective of similar transitions occurring in many other universities throughout the country in response to 21<sup>st</sup> century realities that include economics, occupational opportunities for students, changing demographics, and technology. We are certain that there will be enhanced opportunities for FCE and SS faculty collaboration following realignment with the College of Social Science. It will afford faculty in FCE and SS units greater opportunities for meaningful work, enhanced collegial relationships, and strengthened research. We are expecting that greater proximity and increased familiarity with other MSU social scientists will promote important, synergistic contributions to family and community vitality. The transition will offer our students new learning experiences jointly with other units, and expand the scope of outreach and policy for both FCE and SS. In addition, FCE will gain the strong and respected leadership of the Dean of Social Science.

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We will continue to act on our mission, which remains timely, i.e., to enhance the ability of individuals and families to function effectively within and across changing environments and to influence those environments in ways that enhance the quality of life for all persons.

The entire FCE faculty has had an opportunity to read and respond to a draft of this request. There was further discussion of the contents at the January 21<sup>st</sup> faculty meeting, where adaptations were suggested and approved. Members of the Department Advisory Committee have read and approved this final draft.

We would appreciate it if the requested transfer of the Department of Family and Child Ecology to the College of Social Science can be completed no later than June 30, 2005.

c: FCE Faculty, M. Baba, D. Campbell, I.Gray, K. Klomparens, W. Song, J. Youatt, and SS FAC Members.



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January 24, 2005

MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant/Associate Deans

Fr: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Assistant Provost for Academic Services  
and University Registrar

Re: **Request for the Revision of COLLEGE Text in Preparation for the  
Publication of *Academic Programs 2005 – 2007***

Please review the attached copy of the catalog text that describes your college, its role, and the nature of its programs and prepare any revisions for inclusion in *Academic Programs 2005 – 2007*. This is an opportunity for you to offer fresh and cogent commentary to inform students of the strengths of your units.

Please note that:

- This college text will have the same format and length as previous editions. As you revise, please keep your text to the same length.
- The names of degree programs that are mentioned in the general text for a college should not be altered as the attached copy shows everything approved to date. Any changes of this kind will be added as they are approved.
- If you are re-writing entire paragraphs, you must send your revisions as a text file via e-mail ([ucc@msu.edu](mailto:ucc@msu.edu)). We will also need your notations on the attached copy indicating where you are making changes.
- If you want to replace the current photograph, you may submit one (please call Joy Speas at 5-8420).

The following changes should not be included here. These should be sent forward via the usual governance process for approval and incorporation into *Academic Programs*.

- Any substantive changes to college requirements.
- Any changes to individual program requirements.



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By **Monday February 7<sup>th</sup>**, please:

- Return the attached copy with your handwritten revisions as paper copy,
- Send re-written paragraphs as e-mail text files, as needed,
- Send your notification that you are not planning to submit revisions,

to the Office of Curriculum and Catalog, 176 Administration Building ([ucc@msu.edu](mailto:ucc@msu.edu)).

Please contact Joy Speas, Catalog Administrator, if you have any questions (5-8420).  
Thank you.

Attachment: College Text

cc: Joy Speas, Catalog Administrator

# College of HUMAN ECOLOGY

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Won O. Song, Acting DEAN

The College of Human Ecology is both one of the oldest and one of the newest colleges at Michigan State University. Its origins date back more than a century, making it the third oldest college in the University. As Human Ecology it is one of the newest colleges, since its structure and name were adopted and its programs were reorganized in 1970.

It is the mission of the College to strengthen and empower individuals and families to interact effectively with their environments through a unique ecosystems approach. Its vision is to provide leadership in preparing global-minded professionals to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future. Through its programs of education, research, outreach and service, the College acts to improve the quality of living for diverse individuals and families.

There are three departments in the College of Human Ecology: Family and Child Ecology, Food Science and Human Nutrition, and Human Environment and Design. The Institute for Children, Youth and Families is attached to the College to facilitate interdisciplinary research. It is a unit of the College that facilitates interdisciplinary research and outreach programs. See also the college web site at [www.he.msu.edu](http://www.he.msu.edu).

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### Degree Programs

Each program of study in the College of Human Ecology includes a central core course required of each student. This course is an introduction to the study of families from a human ecological perspective and deals with the development of the profession of human ecology.

In order to meet individual and special interests of students and to prepare them for the variety and diversity of professional opportunities, several different majors leading to bachelor's degrees are offered. Each major program is planned to provide the student with a broad general education, the necessary preprofessional and supporting courses in the basic sciences and/or arts and a concentrated professional sequence in an area of specialization. A portion of many programs is free for electives; these are an important part of each student's program and should be carefully selected by the student in consultation with the academic adviser to meet the individual student's interest and educational needs.

Majors which provide concentration and depth in specialized fields offered under the departments are as follows: apparel and textile design, child development, dietetics, family community services, interior design, merchandising management, and nutritional sciences.

### Elective Course Offerings

Students majoring in other colleges of the University will find a wide selection of courses in the various departments of the College of Human Ecology available for election, such as: apparel design, child development, computer-aided design (CAD), design, family economics, family management, family relations, foods, interior design, merchandising management, nutrition, and textiles.

### Freshmen

Students meeting the general requirements for admission shown in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog are enrolled as Undergraduate University Division students but may declare a major preference in the College of Human Ecology. In addition to the general requirements for admission a minimum of two units of high school mathematics or science or a unit of each is desirable for those who choose one of the major preferences in which chemistry is required.

In the first two years, students take beginning courses in the College of Human Ecology, courses to fulfill the University requirements, and other courses as required for the major.

Each student who has expressed a preference for one of the majors in the College of Human Ecology is assigned an adviser to assist with program planning, class scheduling, and other matters concerned with academic achievement.

### Honors Study

Students who qualify for admission to the Honors College are encouraged to develop distinctive and individualized programs of study in the several fields offered by the College. Special advisers will assist students in planning rigorous, challenging programs consistent with their special interests, competencies and potentialities. Honors courses, independent study and graduate courses, when appropriate, both within and without the College are available to Honors students.

## GRADUATE STUDY

The purpose of graduate study in the College of Human Ecology is to provide for greater breadth and depth in a selected area of specialization, and for experience in research methods and techniques and in critical evaluation of literature. The research in progress in each department of the College, supported by federal, state, and special grants, provides an opportunity for the graduate student to become acquainted with a variety of research projects.

Graduate study is offered in the departments of Family and Child Ecology, Food Science and Human Nutrition, and Human Environment and Design. A master's degree program is offered in each department.

Doctoral programs are offered in family and child ecology, human environment: design and management, human nutrition and human nutrition-environmental toxicology.

Students who are enrolled in Master of Science degree programs in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition may elect a Specialization in Food Safety. For additional information, refer to the statement on the specialization in the *College of Veterinary Medicine* section of this catalog.

Students who are enrolled in Master of Arts, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in the Department of Family and Child Ecology and in Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition may elect specializations in infant studies. For additional information, refer to the statement on *Interdepartmental Graduate Specializations in Infant Studies* in the *College of Social Science* section of this catalog.