

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

June 21, 2018

Item F.7. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for approval to terminate the academic degree program in Dietetics.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette) requests approval to terminate its existing Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Dietetics. Due to declining enrollment and suboptimal passage rates on the licensure exam, the decision was made to discontinue admission into the program (effective spring 2016) after much deliberation and discussion along with internal and external reviews. A teach-out plan was developed, approved, disseminated and implemented. Students admitted into the program prior to spring 2016 were provided with all resources necessary to complete the degree. The last cohort of students will graduate in spring 2019 which will also be the last semester that Dietetics courses will be offered at UL Lafayette if termination of the program is approved.

Termination of the program will have no negative impact on other academic programs offered by UL Lafayette nor on tenured faculty. In addition, there are public universities in Louisiana that will continue to offer a Dietetics program (i.e., LA Tech, Nicholls and LSU) so this field of study will be available to residents of the state.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to terminate the academic degree program in Dietetics.*