

To: Dr. Donnetrice Allison, President of Faculty Senate

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RE: Revitalization of the Public Health Program

I am pleased to inform you that after careful consideration, the Public Health faculty has requested and given the permission by Administration, to seek support from the Faculty Senate to resume admitting students in fall 2019. The program had temporarily suspended admissions, due to declining enrollments and to reconsider its place among the programs offered in the School of Health Sciences. However, this merger was just in the beginning stages and would not have even been completed till Spring 2020.

This change is a result of several factors:

First, Public Health is a distinct discipline and public health professionals need specialized academic preparation guided by standards put forth by specific credentialing bodies, most notably the Council



Second, the faculty in the School of Health Sciences is currently developing a proposal for a Master of Public Health in Community Nutrition for which the undergraduate degree in PUBH would serve as a natural point of entry. It is anticipated that reactivating the undergraduate program will give interested students the option of pursuing the MPH with a 3+2 or 4+1 dual degree option as well as within the traditional 2 year cycle. A degree in the field of nutrition is highly sought after and would be new to Stockton's offerings. Thus, we anticipate the enrollments will follow the interest in this highly sought after field of study.

Third and finally, the revitalization of the program will offer incoming undergraduate students a viable area of study in the health field without having the admissions restriction of a 570 math SAT score required by other majors.

The program has discussed the renewal of PUBH with Stockton's Chief Enrollment Management Officer and Associate Dean of Enrollment Management both of whom support the effort and believe that PUBH would be a worthwhile option for students who are interested in pursuing an academic degree within the health field. If the revitalization is finalized, effective fall 2019 students interested in Public Health