MEMORANDUM

TO: Elizabeth C. Capaldi, Executive Vice President and Provost
FROM: Craig D. Thatcher, Executive Dean
RE: Disestablishment of the BA in Human Health Studies
DATE: April 23, 2009

The School of Applied Arts and Sciences requests the disestablishment of the BA in Human Health Studies. The Human Health Studies [HHS] program was established in 2003 with BS and BA degree options. There was never more than one full-time tenured/tenure-track faculty assigned to the program; on average only 1-3 HHS majors [BA and BS combined] graduated per year; course development was limited, lacking a clear professional or academic core; and student outcomes undefined.

There are no students currently enrolled in the BA in Human Health Studies program and it is not anticipated that there will be any demand for this degree in the future, thus this request to disestablish the degree program.

In developing this request, the Dean and Associate Dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences reviewed HHS enrollment data for the past five years, reviewed the employment opportunities for BA in Human Health Studies graduates, and assessed the academic rigor of the BA in Human Health Studies degree and determined there was no justification for its continuation. The request to disestablish the BA in HHS has been approved by the School of Applied Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee. The School of Applied Arts and Sciences request that the disestablishment of the BA in Human Health Studies be effective for the 2009/2010 academic year.