INTERIM POLICY FOR
THE DISCONTINUANCE OF
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC SENATE
POLICY S79-48

At its meeting of May 15, 1979, the Academic Senate approved
an interim policy for the discontinuance of Academic Programs as follows:

1. An initial recommendation to
discontinue or curtail an academic program can be made by the faculty of the
program itself, the Educational Policies Council, the Vice President for
Academic Affairs, or the President of the University. Each recommendation must be accompanied by documentation
clearly indicating the specific reasons for the suggested discontinuance of a
program. The Educational Policies
Council shall review the initial proposal and decide whether or not the
recommendation warrants a more extensive All-University review as described
below.

2. An extensive review shall include
the broadest possible consultation throughout the University. The review shall include discussions
with:

a. appropriate department or program
committees and representative student groups of the program under consideration
for termination

b. appropriate cognate departments or
programs

c. the Educational Policies Council
(and, where appropriate, the Graduate Council) of the Academic Senate

d. the Academic Senate

3. The review shall lead to a final
recommendation being made by the Educational Policies Council through the full
Senate to the University President for his approval.

4. Mechanisms permitting enrolled
students to earn their degrees while a program is being phased out will
include:

a. Establishment of a cut-off date
beyond which no new students will be permitted to enter the program (to include
both new applicants from outside the University as well as already enrolled
students who wish to change their major to this area).

b. Preparation of an official list (as
of the cut-off date) of all students who are legitimately majors in the
program.

c. Notification to all students with
the declared major of the following alternatives:
1. the date by which the degree requirements must be completed in order to receive the specified degree from this institution;

2. the closely related degree programs offered by this campus to which the student may wish to transfer;

3. the availability of similar programs offered by other institutions in the geographical area; and

4. the extent to which transfer work, substitutions, etc. may be considered in meeting the requirements for the degree.

**APPROVED BY PRESIDENT ROMBERG, MAY 30, 1979**


