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Dear Dr. Stewart, Dr. Bentley, Dr. Daughhetee, and Dr. Bell:

In its April 10, 2019 meeting, the Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences voted to grant accreditation to the Family and Consumer Sciences Program in the Department of Counseling, Family and Consumer Science, & Kinesiology at the University of Montevallo. This action followed careful review and consideration of the Self-Study Report, the report of the site visit team, and the institution's response to the site visit report.

The Council for Accreditation commends the Family and Consumer Sciences faculty members for providing high quality Family and Consumer Sciences programs. The following strengths are particularly noteworthy:

1. The administration (Provost/Vice President and Dean) understands and is supportive of the Family and Consumer Sciences Unit's relevancy to the university, college, department, and community. They are open to exploring, implementing, and supporting opportunities for the Family and Consumer Sciences program.
2. The Department Chair demonstrates professionalism and empowers faculty to maximize delivery of the Family and Consumer Sciences program through a faculty-oriented perspective.
3. The Unit Coordinator demonstrates professionalism, knowledge, and a strong work ethic. She is student-oriented and a highly regarded role model by Family and Consumer Sciences students.



4. Faculty member collaboration and service are excellent within the Unit as well as across the institution, and faculty are recognized for their collegiality.
5. Students and alumni understand and can demonstrate the integrative, synergistic nature of the Family and Consumer Sciences discipline. Their demonstrated level of professionalism and preparedness were noted by employers and faculty members in supporting disciplines.
6. The Unit is aided through strong internal and external partners in the development and delivery of the Family and Consumer Sciences program.
7. The vision, planning, and development of the collaborative center in Bloch Hall, which includes current technology, is a strong asset for the Unit.
8. The Unit is commended on having culminating experiences in all concentrations, enabling students to demonstrate the Family and Consumer Sciences Body of Knowledge and professional dispositions.
9. The Unit provides a notable number of scholarships in support of the students pursuing their Family and Consumer Sciences degree.
10. Faculty members have a track record of successfully pursuing grants and contracts.

The Council for Accreditation makes the following recommendations to strengthen compliance with accreditation standards and to assist in further enhancement of the Family and Consumer Sciences Program in the Department of Counseling, FCS and KNES:

1. Continue to develop and review action plans that clearly delineate short- and long-range goals. Specify target dates for completion. [Criteria 1.2(2); 1.2(3)]
2. Use assessment results when formulating goals and building programmatic plans for the future. [Criteria 1.2(5); 1.2(6)]
3. Increase Unit administrative assistant from part-time to full-time in direct support of needs of the Family and Consumer Sciences program. [Criterion 1.5(3)]
4. Update facilities with attention given to the Child Study Center and the foods laboratories. [Criteria 1.5(4); 1.5(7)]
5. Review and update, if needed, the sequencing and pre-requisites for Family and Consumer Sciences courses including the core. [Criteria 2.1(1); 2.1(2); 2.1(3); 2.3(1)]
6. Continue to have tenure/tenure-track Family and Consumer Sciences faculty develop and monitor the six core courses to ensure translation of the Family and Consumer Sciences Body of Knowledge. [Criteria 2.1(1); 2.1(2); 2.1(3)]
7. Continue to improve assessment by creating and utilizing a Unit template for assignment rubrics that clearly describe measurable criteria for each level of target achievements for use in the six Family and Consumer Sciences core courses. [Criteria 2.2(1); 2.2(2)]

8. Update at least annually the public reporting of reliable Family and Consumer Sciences Program aggregated student achievement/performance data and other outcome measures and have on the Unit website no more than two clicks from the home page. [Criteria 2.2(1); 2.2(3)]
9. Continue to pursue, develop, and grow programs in Family and Consumer Sciences (i.e., Early Childhood Education, Fashion, and Hospitality and Tourism). [Criterion 4.4(1)]
10. Provide support and mentorship to junior faculty members as they move toward promotion and tenure. [Criterion 4.4(1)]
11. Develop and implement targeted recruiting efforts for all Unit concentration areas in concert with the Admissions Office and other partners as appropriate. Recruit on campus as well as external to the institution. [Criterion 4.4(1)]

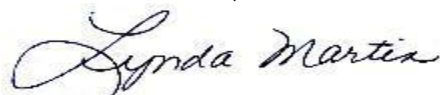
Actions taken in response to these recommendations are to be described in the Unit's first interim report which shall be submitted in year three (2022) of accreditation. You will receive notification of the specific date the report will be due for consideration in the Council for Accreditation's subsequent meeting.

Accreditation is granted by the Council for Accreditation for a period of ten years. Any extension and/or provisional accreditation periods are counted as part of the ten-year period. Therefore, this accreditation expires Spring 2029. The next Self-Study Report will be due February 1, 2027.

When accreditation is granted, the Unit is eligible to use the AAFCS Seal of Accreditation. This seal indicates that the Unit has been found to meet or exceed stated criteria and can be used in all communications, both print and electronic. You will be sent an electronic file containing the seal graphic with protocol-for-use.

Members of the Council for Accreditation join us in congratulating you and the faculty on the quality of programs offered by the Family and Consumer Sciences Program in the Department of Counseling, Family and Consumer Sciences and Kinesiology. This comes with our good wishes for continued success.

With Best Wishes,



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