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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Donna E. Shalala, President

**From:** Richard L. Williamson  
Chair, Faculty Senate

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**Date:** April 22, 2010

**Subject:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2009-22(B) –School of Nursing and Health Studies  
adding new minor in public health

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At its April 21, 2010 meeting, the Faculty Senate approved the proposal of the School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS) proposal for a new minor in public health, contained under the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS).

The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

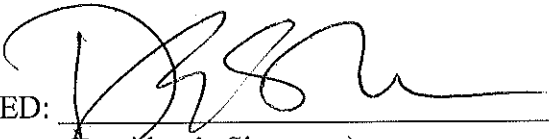
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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Nilda Peragallo, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Studies  
Victoria Mitrani, Professor, School of Nursing and Health Studies  
Rosina Cianelli, Professor, School of Nursing and Health Studies

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2009-22(B) –School of Nursing and Health Studies  
adding new minor in public health

**PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE**

APPROVED:  DATE: 4/28/2010  
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN NENA PERAGALLO

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY  
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): \_\_\_\_\_

The School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS) is proposing a new minor in public health, contained under the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS). This minor will be open to undergraduates from throughout the university. The public health minor will have three required core courses to include: Introduction to Public Health, Introductory Epidemiology, and Health and Environment. The fourth course in the minor is to be an elective from existing courses including: HCS/NUR 305 Health Disparities, or HCS/NUR 313 Global Health Disparities, or HCS/NUR 487 International Health: Transcultural Nursing. Additional electives may be selected from course offerings in other departments such as the School of Business Health Sector Management and Policy.

Baccalaureate education under the BSHS provides the foundation for further education in specialized health professional fields. Currently the BSHS offers pre-professional tracks including Pre-physical Therapy, Pre-pharmacy, Pre-forensics, Health Science/Business Administration, Pre-physician Assistant and Health Science General. The description of the BSHS can be found at [http://www6.miami.edu/sonhs/programs/BSHS\\_Degree\\_05-06.htm](http://www6.miami.edu/sonhs/programs/BSHS_Degree_05-06.htm).

This minor is being proposed in cooperation with the UM Miller School's Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. We have discussed our plans with the chair, Dr. Jose Szapocznik, and his letter of support is forthcoming. In addition, Dean Peragallo met with Dr. Steve Ullmann to discuss the minor and courses from the Health Management major in the School of Business that might be electives towards the minor. A letter of support from Dr. Ullmann is also forthcoming. Future plans include offering a track in public health, and development of an articulated honors BS/MPH program.

The public health minor and new courses are pending approval by the SONHS's Curriculum Committee and School Council. The new courses will be taught by existing faculty. In addition, the SONHS has 4 faculty positions open, and we expect that one of those new hires will be involved in teaching in the public health minor and overseeing the development of new public health-related programs. We will seek the guidance of the Faculty Senate prior to embarking on any new programs.

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March 29, 2010

Nilda Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN  
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Dear Nena,

I am very pleased to support your plans to develop a public health minor under the School of Nursing and Health Studies' Bachelor of Science in Health Science program. Our newly developed undergraduate minor and major in Health Sector Management and Policy offers courses which will be a good fit for the new Health Studies minor. Exposing undergraduates to public health-related courses will serve to increase interest in pursuing graduate studies in this important and growing field. I truly look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Ullmann, Ph.D.  
Professor and Director, Programs  
in Health Sector Management and Policy  
and Special Assistant to the Provost

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José Szapocznik, Ph.D.  
Chair

March 31, 2010

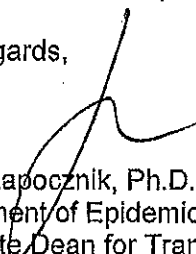
Nilda P. Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN, Dean and Professor  
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Dear Nena:

I am pleased to support your plans to develop a public health minor under the School of Nursing and Health Studies' Bachelor of Science in Health Science program. Exposing undergraduates to public health-related courses will serve to increase interest in pursuing graduate studies in this important and growing field and will prepare students to make the most of graduate studies in public health. Further, we have discussed plans to work together to develop an articulated honors BS/MPH program.

I look forward to collaborating with you and your team on these and future initiatives as together we endeavor to further our students' educational goals, provide students with the environment and educational experiences they need to become future health care leaders, and prepare them for the scientific and public health challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Best regards,



Jose Szapocznik, Ph.D., Professor and Chair  
Department of Epidemiology and Public Health  
Associate Dean for Translational Research and Community Development  
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine