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## ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

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ST. CLOUD, Minn., March--Four of the five colleges at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) will be changed in size and content, effective Sept. 1, under a reorganization plan approved by President Brendan J. McDonald. Two of the colleges will have new deans.

First proposed by the president last November and slightly modified as a result of testimony and hearings, the new arrangement retains all of the existing academic units but places many of them in different college groupings.

The reorganization is the first major change in the university's academic structure since 1970-71, when the present five colleges were organized as schools. They became colleges when the institution attained university status in 1975.

There is currently a disparity in the sizes of the colleges, which range from 26 full-time equivalent faculty positions in the College of Industry to 252 comparable positions in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The new organization reduces that disparity.

"Our objective is to have a structure of colleges which is sensitive to contemporary opportunities and enhances a community of programs," McDonald said. "The academic design must allow disciplines to grow, respond to new programmatic opportunities, and be responsive to the growth and size dimensions of the institution."

The new organization will not change the composition of the College of Business, which has five academic departments and research and internships components. Driver Education and Safety will be added to the nine academic units in the College of Education.

Names for the other three colleges are yet to be chosen by the president.

Academic departments in the fine arts and humanities area will be: Art; English; Foreign Languages; Mass Communications; Music; Philosophy; Speech Communication; Speech Science, Pathology and Audiology; and Theatre.

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Academic units in the area of science, mathematics, computer science, engineering and technology will be: Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Earth Sciences; Industrial Studies; Mathematics and Computer Science; Physics, Astronomy and Engineering Science; and Technology and Industrial Engineering.

The fifth college will link nine academic units as social sciences: Criminal Justice Studies; Economics; Geography; History; Interdisciplinary Studies; Minority Studies; Political Science; Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work; and Women's Studies.

A search has begun for two college deans to administer the fine arts and humanities and the social sciences, beginning July 1 or shortly thereafter. Interviews will be conducted in May.

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