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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Douglas J. Bower, Interim Dean
College of Education and Professional Studies

DATE: March 1, 2018

RE: Executive Action Item

The following request was received from the Department of Special Education. I concur with the change and ask that the revision be made by executive action.

Requested Changes: to modify the mission statement of the M.S. in Education in Special Education program. The requested effective date is as soon as possible.

Rationale: While the primary delivery method of this program is online, this is not our mission per se. Inserting this word can have a negative impact on external audience's perception of our program and it has the potential to exclude some potential candidates.

Program Mission: The mission of the ~~online~~ graduate program in Special Education is to prepare graduates for advanced professional practice with individuals with exceptional learning needs. Individuals may pursue additional Special Education endorsements which may include earning a supervisory endorsement, earning an LBS II for "Curriculum Adaptation Specialist" or "Behavior Intervention Specialist," or preparing to be a "Director" of Special Education.

cc: Dr. Shank