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To: Dean Ryan Hendrickson, Graduate School

Re: Special Education Master's Program Request for Executive Action

From: Kathryn Havercroft, Chair

Date: September 17, 2020

The department of Special Education requests a change to the Master Degree in Special Education Program. The requested change is as follows:

Remove 3 of the current 6 Special Education Electives and replace them with the following 3 courses which would be required of all candidates: SPE 5770 Practicum in Special Education, 5870 Assessment in Special Education, and 5970 Curriculum and Methods for K12 Special Education.

Rationale:

The Master's in Education with a major in Special Education is a practitioner program and the department curriculum committee believes a clinical experience is imperative. Furthermore, as the program moves towards accreditation, it has been determined that the content included in these three courses aligns with the standards of our professional organization. Thus, these courses are essential for all candidates seeking an advanced degree in the field as well as for the purpose of accreditation. No additional hours will be added to the degree; this change is simply to specify that three of the current six electives be replaced with specific coursework (SPE 5670, 5770, 5970).

Approved: Special Education Curriculum Committee

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Approved: COE Curriculum Committee

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