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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Education to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education under the major in Education (Ed.S.), Gwinnett Campus only, will be an agenda item for the January 25, 2019, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby V. Morris

Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

OUTLINE FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF A GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

1. Institution: University of Georgia

Date: October 3, 2018

2. School/College: College of Education

3. Department/Division: Educational Theory and Practice

4. Program Degree: Educational Specialist (Ed.S.)

Major: Education (Ed.S.) with an Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education – Gwinnett Campus Only

5. Deactivation **or Termination**

6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Not applicable; No students are enrolled in the program

7. Last date students will graduate from this program: Not applicable; No students are enrolled in the program

8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program

Provide a brief summary of the deactivated or terminated program that includes an overview and highlights of the response to the criteria in Section II.

This termination proposal is to close the Gwinnett campus Education (Ed.S.) with an Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education. The last semester that students were enrolled in the Gwinnett Ed.S. program was fall 2006, with the last student graduating in fall 2008. Since that time, Early Childhood Education classes have not been offered at the Gwinnett Campus. There is no public display of the degree option at the Gwinnett campus on our website or in the Graduate School's admission materials. The Athens-based Ed.S. program has been folded under the College of Education Educational Specialist program.

II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation) of programs is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

1. Provide copies of the studies and decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

No students are enrolled at the Gwinnett campus. There are no faculty from the Early Childhood Education program teaching at the Gwinnett campus. No engagement with the program has taken place since 2008.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

There are no students enrolled or efforts to offer the program at the Gwinnett campus. All Educational Specialist students are enrolled at the Athens campus under the college-wide Ed.S. program.

3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on a.) how students will be notified of the program termination and b.) how students will be counseled on completing the program.

Not applicable, no students enrolled in the Gwinnett campus program.

4. What will be done to minimize the impact or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved, specifically a.) how will faculty and staff be notified of the termination and b.) how will faculty and staff be re-deployed?

There will be no impact on faculty and staff. The faculty and staff from the program are based on the Athens campus.

5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

It is likely that students who might have considered the Gwinnett campus will select the Athens-based program instead. As of fall 2018, the Athens-based program currently has eight students who are enrolled in the College of Education Ed.S. program with an Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education. It is expected that this termination will have minimal (1-2 students per year) impact on the Athens program.

6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

There are no plans to reinstate the program.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education under the major in Education (Ed.S.), Gwinnett Campus only

College: College of Education

Department: Educational Theory and Practice

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2019

School/College:

- Educational Theory and Practice Department Head, Dr. Gayle Andrews, 10/3/2018
- College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 10/23/2018
- College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 10/3/2018

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Dean, Dr. Suzanne Barbour, 12/7/2018