COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

Wednesday, November 07, 2012

TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
SUBJECT: 12-13 CIC 5: Discontinuance of the Option in Urban Teacher Leadership, M.S. Ed. Leadership
PURPOSE: Action by the Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the discontinuance of the option in Urban Teacher Leadership, M.S. Ed. Leadership; effective Fall 2014

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on November 5, 2012, CIC received a modification request to discontinue the Option in Urban Teacher Leadership from the Master of Science in Educational Leadership program. As explained in the supporting document, almost all candidates for the MS in Educational Leadership pursue a program of courses closely linked to the Administrative Services Tier I Credential (which licenses graduates to become K-12 school and district-level administrators). The Option in Urban Teacher Leadership was designed to satisfy two purposes: (1) to provide an option for classroom teachers who wanted to learn more about leadership, but did not want to become school administrators; and (2) to provide an option with a focus on the needs of urban schools.

This option does not lead to the advanced certification required for many administrative positions in schools, so enrollment has been declining, and the department wants to focus on preparing future administrators. There are currently 22 students pursuing the option. Since most students decide not to pursue the option at the end of their first year (a two year program), remaining students who wish to complete this option will be counseled individually toward substituted courses, or may instead decide to earn the MS in Educational Leadership [no option] because it more closely parallels the Administrative Services Tier I Credential program.

Some of these courses may continue to be offered as electives for the MS in Educational Leadership while others will be allowed to expire.

CIC voted as follows on the discontinuance of the Option in Urban Teacher Leadership:
Yes 9

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Related document: 12-13 CAPR 2: Discontinuance of the Option in Urban Teacher Leadership, MS Ed. Leadership
The Committee on Curriculum requests that the Academic Senate approve the discontinuance of the option as requested, effective fall quarter 2014.