COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW

Thursday, November 01, 2012

TO:               The Academic Senate
FROM:             The Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT:          12-13 CAPR 2: **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 October 5 2012, CAPR 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.

The Department would like to focus on preparing future school administrators. And, there were a dwindling number of students who wanted to pursue the Option in Urban Teacher Leadership once they learned it did not lead to advanced certification. Finally, selected cohorts of the MS in Educational Leadership/Administrative Services Tier I program can continue to focus on the needs of urban schools within that program’s course structure.

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.

The discontinuance will be revenue positive as the currently eight courses in the option are not part of other program options. Some of these courses may continue to be offered as electives for the MS in Educational Leadership while others will be allowed to expire.

**Related document:** 12-13 CIC XX: Discontinuance of the Option in Urban Teacher Leadership, MS Ed. Leadership
All academic departments and programs were consulted using the SharePoint Curriculum site and there were no objections to this discontinuance.

Discontinuance of the Option in Urban Teacher Leadership:

Yes 9 
No 0 
Abs 0 

The Committee on Academic Planning and Review requests that the Academic Senate recommend the discontinuance of the option as requested, effective fall quarter 2014.