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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to terminate the major in Social Studies Education under the Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D.) will be an agenda item for the December 4, 2009, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
Professor Jere W. Morehead

Memorandum

To: James Marshall, Associate Dean, College of Education, UGA
From: Ron Butchart, Department Head, Elementary and Social Studies Education
Date: 24 August 2009
Subject: Termination of the EdD program in Social Studies Education

On 21 August 2009, the faculty of the Social Studies Education Program within the Department of Elementary and Social Studies Education voted unanimously to terminate its EdD program.

It took this action in light of the following facts:

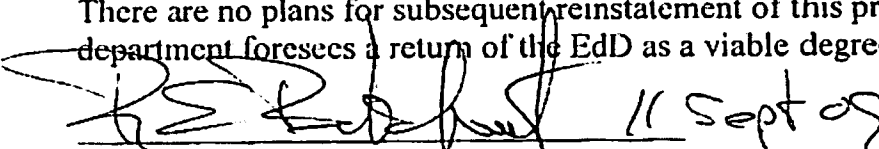
- The program has graduated only two candidates since 2004
- The program has only two students currently pursuing the EdD degree
- In the last four years, three other students applied to the EdD degree program but subsequently changed to the PhD program; it is the program's sense that in the recent past, the degree program has served primarily as a "recruiting tool" to the PhD
- In the last two years, the department's Graduate Coordinators have received no inquiries about the program and the program has received no applications for admissions to the program
- The EdD in Social Studies Education is the only EdD program in the department

In contrast to the EdD in Social Studies Education, the PhD in Social Studies Education has graduated nine candidates since 2004 and currently enrolls twelve students. The Social Studies Education faculty is convinced that there is low and apparently declining demand for the EdD, and that any remaining demand can easily be met by the PhD program that remains robust.

There are no applications for admission to this program pending; no applications will be accepted after 1 October 2009. As per Graduate School and College of Education policies, the students currently pursuing the EdD will be allowed to complete their degree programs with full support of the faculty. The two students currently in the program were admitted in 2007; neither has been admitted to candidacy. Assuming they take their full five years to candidacy and a further five years to complete the program, both have until 2017 to complete the program.

This decision will have no negative impact on faculty; on the contrary, given that the faculty has been reduced by about two-thirds in the last year as a result of retirements, the decision will, in fact, have the positive effect of making doctoral advisement in the program more focused and systematic. Likewise, the decision will have no adverse impact on other programs within the Social Studies Education program or the department, given its small size and the continuation of the PhD program.

There are no plans for subsequent reinstatement of this program; neither the program nor the department foresees a return of the EdD as a viable degree program



Department Head

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