April 8, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Wiseman
Dean, College of Education

FROM: Elizabeth Beiseg
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Suspend the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (PCC log no. 12041)

The proposal to suspend the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The suspension is effective Fall 2013. Please ensure that all relevant descriptive materials reflect the suspension and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

cc: William Idsardi, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
Barbara Gill, Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology
Donna Williams, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
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Robert Gaines, Office of Undergraduate Studies
Nathan Fox, Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology
College/School: EDUCATION
Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: 01203001302501
Unit Codes can be found at: https://hypprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program: HDQM/Early Childhood Education
Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: 01203101311503

Type of Action (choose one):

- [ ] Curriculum change (including informal specializations)
- [ ] Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration
- [ ] Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration
- [X] Suspend/delete program
- [ ] New academic degree/award program
- [ ] New Professional Studies award iteration
- [ ] New Minor
- [ ] Other

*Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.*

Summary of Proposed Action:

We are requesting that admissions to the Undergraduate Program in Early Childhood Education (ECE) in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology (HDQM) be suspended commencing Fall 2013. Although the ECE program has a national and state reputation for its high quality preparation of teachers, the changing social and policy context of public education requires the development of a new more responsive program focused on young children-at-risk. Consequently, during the suspension, the ECE faculty will be working with the Early Childhood Special Education faculty (ECSPED), in the Department of Counseling, Higher Education and Special Education, to develop an interdisciplinary, undergraduate program in Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education that will result in dual certification (ECE and ECSPED) of program graduates.

Our goal is to have the new blended program in place by 2016; when the last cohort of ECE students in the current undergraduate program will be in their last year. Thus the Department will continue to accomplish its mission of producing high quality Early Childhood Educators, but, in the long-term, will be able to do so with an even higher quality program meeting the diverse needs of young children in the state of Maryland.

Proposed Timeline: we are requesting suspension of admission to the current ECE program this spring so the last group of incoming freshmen is admitted in Fall 2013.

Departmental Approval Processes:
The proposal to suspend admission to the ECE program, with the goal of developing a new EC/ECSPED undergraduate program, was unanimously approved by the HDQM Undergraduate Committee, the HDQM Executive Committee and the HDQM Assembly.
APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair  Ann A. Battle
2. Department Chair  
3. College/School PCC Chair  Denis Sullivan
4. Dean  
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)  
6. Chair, Senate PCC  
7. University Senate Chair (if required)  
8. Senior Vice President and Provost  Elagnith J. Beier  Feb 26, 2013