August 18, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Wiseman
Dean, College of Education

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify the Ph.D. in Special Education by Discontinuing Areas of Concentration (PCC log no. 14025)

On March 30, 2015, Chancellor Kirwan approved your proposal to modify the Ph.D. in Special Education by discontinuing the program’s Areas of Concentration. The specific Areas of Concentration are as follows:

- Education of the Emotionally Disturbed
- Learning Disabilities
- Special Education Administration, Supervision and Policy

On July 31, 2015, the Maryland Higher Education Commission gave final approval. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective immediately. Please ensure that this change is fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

MDC/
Enclosure

cc: Gregory Miller, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Barbara Gill, Enrollment Management
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Erin Taylor, Division of Information Technology
Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
Anne Turkos, University Archives
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
Alex Chen, Graduate School
Maggie McLaughlin, College of Education
Roger Worthington, Department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education
July 31, 2015

Dr. Wallace D. Loh
President
University of Maryland College Park
Main Administration Building
College Park, MD 20742

Dear Dr. Loh:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission received a request from the University of Maryland College Park to discontinue the following Areas of Concentration (A.O.C.) within the existing Doctorate program in Special Education: Education of the Emotionally Disturbed; Learning Disabilities; and Special Ed, Admin, Supervision & Policy.

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I am pleased to inform you that this request has been acknowledged. The Commission’s Academic Program Inventory will reflect the changes.

Sincerely,

Jennifer V. Frank, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

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C: Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, USM
   Mary Ann Rankin, Senior Vice President & Provost, Academic Affairs, UMCP
   Donna Wiseman, Dean, College of Education, UMCP

Cc: Betsy Beise
March 30, 2015

Dr. Wallace Loh
President
University of Maryland, College Park
1101 Main Administration Building
College Park, MD 20742

Dear Wallace,

Thank you for forwarding the request to remove three concentrations in Special Education from the University of Maryland program inventory.

I approve your request to discontinue the concentrations in: Education of the Emotionally Disturbed; Learning Disabilities; and Special Education Administration, Supervision and Policy.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor

cc: Mary Ann Rankin, Senior Vice President and Provost
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM/UNIT PROPOSAL

• Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.
• Please submit the signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.

College/School: EDUC-Education
Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: 01203100
Unit Codes can be found at: https://hypprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program:
Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: 1312301

Type of Action (choose one):
☐ Curriculum change (including informal specializations) ☐ New academic degree/award program
☐ Curriculum change for an LEP Program ☐ New Professional Studies award iteration
☐ Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration ☐ New Minor
☒ Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration ☐ Request to create an online version of an existing program
☐ Suspend/delete program

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

Summary of Proposed Action:

MHEC lists three concentrations in the PhD program in Special Education, which include: Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disabilities, and Policy and Administration. We ask that these three concentrations be deleted from the MHEC listings under the PhD Special Education, College of Education. No additional concentrations will be added.

Departmental/Unit Contact Person for Proposal: Margaret McLaughlin, Associate Dean, College of Education

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair
   Paul B. Gold, Ph.D. 10/10/2014
2. Department Chair
   Roger Worthington 12/13/14
3. College/School PCC Chair
   James Sullivan 12/4/2014
4. Dean
   Margaret McLaughlin 12/4/14
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
6. Chair, Senate PCC
7. University Senate Chair (if required)
8. Senior Vice President and Provost
Hi Mike…I did get the invitation from the Grad School and Dr. Neubert and I will be attending.

The short answer is that no students are in those concentrations...we actually have not enrolled by those areas in decades...so this is really just a clean up of the MHEC inventory. Those concentration areas are extremely dated...neither the terminology nor the actual specialization...reflect when we should be with practice.

Maggie

Hi Maggie,

You are listed as the contact person for the two EDSP PhD proposals, so I am sending this message to you. They are both listed below. For the proposal to discontinue the existing areas of concentration for the program (PCC Log No. 14025), we need some additional information about why the concentrations are being discontinued, if there are students still in these concentrations, and if so, the plans to allow them to finish.

- **14025 EDUC CHSE Modify the Ph.D. in Special Education - Discontinue Areas of Concentration**
- **14026 EDUC CHSE Modify the Ph.D. in Special Education**

The Grad School should be contacting you soon about attending the Grad PCC meeting on January 26th to present the proposals. If approved there, then the proposal will be reviewed by the Senate PCC committee on February 6th (here is a calendar for our meetings: [http://wwwprovost.umd.edu/Academic_Planning/currentcalendar.pdf](http://wwwprovost.umd.edu/Academic_Planning/currentcalendar.pdf)). I’ll contact you a week or so in advance of the Senate PCC meeting to set up your presentation time. The area of concentration proposal will have to go off campus to be removed from our program inventory, but the curriculum change proposal (PCC Log No. 14026) will be final once the Senate PCC committee approves. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Mike

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