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To: Dr. Scott Tollison
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From: Bob Sample, Ph.D.
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Council

Date: 15 February 2025

Re: UCC Curricular Recommendations

Recommend for Approval CST 2/27/25 approved MRS 2/28/25

On February 7th, 2025, the Undergraduate Curriculum Council met and reviewed proposals submitted by the School of Education and the College of Arts and Science. The UCC took the following actions:

School of Education

1. **Modifying an Existing Course – ED 404 – Teaching Internship: Early Childhood**
   Description: Clarify ED 404 Early Childhood course requirements in course description including prerequisite and corequisite requirements. CIP: 131210

   This course provides immersive teaching experience in an early childhood classroom setting, in a state-approved collaborative or an early education school or center that is accredited by NAEYC or approved by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), under the mentorship of qualified Mentor Teachers and MUW University Supervisors. Teacher Interns participate in regular individual conferences with both their Mentor Teacher and University Supervisor to support their professional growth and development. Scheduled five days a week during the Professional Semester, the course includes three mandatory Internship Seminars. Teacher Interns adhere to the schedule and calendar of their Mentor Teacher and are required to complete a minimum of 480 hours in the classroom.

   Note: This course may be repeated for a total of 18 hours.
   Rationale: Course description lacks specifics including minimum number of required hours in supervised field experience required by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). Changes in course description also reflects modification in program from Early Childhood Development to a license-based opportunity in as a

PreK-K teacher.
Outcome: The UCC approved this proposal unanimously.

2. **Modifying an Existing Course – ED 406 – Educational Psychology**
Description: Clarify ED 406 Early Childhood course requirements in course description including prerequisite and co-requisite requirements. CIP: 131202

This course provides immersive teaching experience in a classroom setting, in an accredited school, under the mentorship of qualified Mentor Teachers and MUW University Supervisors. Teacher Interns participate in regular individual conferences with both their Mentor Teacher and University Supervisor to support their professional growth and development. Scheduled five days a week during the Professional Semester, the course includes three mandatory Internship Seminars. The internship is structured in two phases—Phase I and Phase II—offering two diverse placements to enhance learning. Teacher Interns adhere to the schedule and calendar of their Mentor Teacher and are required to complete a minimum of 480 hours in the classroom.

Note: Full time during the Professional Semester according to the schedule of the school to which each student is assigned. To enroll in these courses, students must be officially admitted to Teacher Internship.
Rationale: Course description lacks specifics including minimum number of required hours in supervised field experience required by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and provides for greater clarity concerning the structure of internship. **Outcome:** The UCC approved this proposal unanimously.

The next UCC meeting will be Friday, March 7th at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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