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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-015-189

Discontinuation of Educational Multimedia Design Option
MA in Education

Academic Programs Committee

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Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded

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Academic Senate

Date: 03/27/2019
First Reading

BACKGROUND: The Educational Multimedia Design program is an option in the MA in Education. The support for this program, including faculty, hardware and software resources, and release time for coordinating the program, has been declining gradually. When the last element of support offered by the college, which was the lab support for students to fulfill their course assignments and for faculty to carry out their instruction, was threatened to be cut, the program could not go any further to offer a quality graduate program that students deserve. On 10/3/2018, the referral to terminate the program forwarded by Dr. Lotfipour, Coordinator of the program, was approved by the Dept due to the circumstances surrounding the program.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Associate Deans, all colleges
Department Chairs, all departments

DISCUSSION:

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was discussed and reviewed by the Department of Education, Department of Education Curriculum Committee, by the CEIS College Curriculum Committee, by the CEIS Associate Dean, and went through a one-month consultation through Curriculog by the Office of the Academic Programs.

A key issue in terminating a program is ensuring that any students still enrolled in the program are provided an opportunity to complete their studies in reasonable time. There are approximately 45 active students in the program, and 200 inactive students. Per the document provided on Curriculog, the Department of Education has agreed to the following plan for assisting students during the transitional period:

“After approval of this referral, the active students will be notified of the termination of the program. The transcript of every active student will be examined and based on that, courses will be scheduled for the remaining years of the program, making sure that the students will receive the quality education they deserve to graduate from this degree.”

“The inactive students who are still within the 7-year window and still have a chance to complete their degree within the remaining 3-4 years of the program will also be contacted.”

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends that the Educational Multimedia Design program be discontinued, with admission to the program being halted immediately but in order to support current and returning inactive students, formal course offerings continuing through the end of Spring Semester 2022, and students completing their MA projects not later than Spring 2023.