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NEAG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Curricula & Courses Committee

To: C&C Committee Members

From: John Zack, Chair

Date: December 19, 2023

Re: Minutes of the Curricula & Courses Committee Meeting held December 19, 2023

In attendance via Microsoft Teams: John Zack, Rachael Gabriel, Alex Freidus, Adam McCready, Mike Young, Ann Traynor and Diane Matteau

1) Approval of October, 2023 meeting minutes

a) *John Zack began the meeting at 10:02am. It was noted that Dorothea and Jaci could not attend. Jaci did, however, send her electronic vote on the agenda items. Mike made a motion to adopt the October minutes, Adam seconded, and all voted in favor. (6-0).*

2) Program Revisions

a) **Executive Leadership Program (GPAR 23-DONA-HZKG93)**

Explanation:

We are creating a pathway for our current EdD students to allow them to apply to and, if accepted, enter the Executive Leadership Graduate Certificate Program (093 Superintendent Certification) and use two of their EdD courses towards fulfilling that program's requirements.

We are seeking to create a pathway for EdD students who are interested in completing the ELP certificate program. For this pathway, the EdD students would apply to the ELP Graduate Certificate Program. At the point of acceptance, two EdD courses they have already taken would count toward the ELP (with additional required assessments). Creating this pathway will facilitate the entry of current EdD students into our ELP program.

The required ELP courses and the equivalent courses the EdD students will use to meet those requirements are:

EDLR 6301 (Required ELP course) or EDLR 6312 (equivalent EdD course along with pre-course assessment)

EDLR 6302 (Required ELP course) or EDLR 6466 (equivalent EdD course along with required assessments)

Current Catalog Copy:

Executive Leadership Program

The Department of Educational Leadership offers the Executive Leadership Program (ELP), which is designed to provide aspiring individuals outstanding preparation for assuming a school superintendency and other central office positions. This cohort-based program is completed

within 12-13 months and meets on dates designed to accommodate working professionals. This is a non-degree program that leads to endorsement for the Connecticut 093 (superintendency) certificate. Selected courses are eligible for transfer to UConn's Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program with the approval of the student's advisory committee.

Required Courses: Students must complete the following five three-credit courses, which include a two-semester internship with an experienced ELP Mentor Superintendent: EDLR 6301, 6302, 6303, 6304, and 6092 (both semesters).

This certificate is offered by the Neag School of Education.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

Executive Leadership Program

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Ed.D. to ELP Pathway: In partnership with UConn's Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership, Neag School of Education Ed.D. students who meet eligibility criteria and successfully complete the admissions process may enroll in the ELP. With the approval of the student's advisory committee, Ed.D. students accepted into the ELP may use two Ed.D. courses, EDLR 6312 and 6466 (along with additional required assessments) to satisfy six credits towards the ELP. ELP to Ed.D. Pathway: ELP students who meet eligibility criteria and successfully complete the admissions process may enroll in the Ed.D. and transfer in selected courses with the approval of the student's advisory committee.

Executive Leadership Program Required Courses: Students must complete the following five three-credit courses, which include a two-semester internship with an experienced ELP Mentor Superintendent: EDLR 6301 or 6312 (with additional required assessments), 6302 or 6466 (with additional required assessments), 6303, 6304, and 6092 (both semesters).

This certificate is offered by the Neag School of Education.

- *Zack reviewed the above ELP program revision. Ann mentioned that this change did receive State Department approval already.*
- *Ann made a motion to approve this change, Mike seconded, and all voted in favor of the revision (6-0).*

APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT: December 15, 2023

APPROVAL BY DEPT. HEADS: December 4, 2023

APPROVAL BY C&C COMMITTEE: December 19, 2023

APPROVAL BY NEAG FACULTY: December 27, 2023

b) Graduate Certificate in Behavior Analysis (GPAR 23-SANE-EUE0GK)

Purpose: To eliminate/discontinue the Graduate Certificate in Behavior Analysis.

Explanation:

On March 17th, 2022, the Behavior Analyst Certification Board announced extreme and extensive changes to the requirements to the pathways to becoming a BCBA, with significant changes occurring in 2026 and 2032. The changes are untenable, and it is no longer feasible for UConn to offer this series of courses.

Implications:

There are no implications for other programs. The Graduate Certificate in Behavior Analysis never accepted any students due to the timing of the pathway changes announcement.

- *Zack discussed the elimination of the Graduate Certificate in Behavior Analysis. (At this point, Alex Freidus joined the meeting). Mike made a motion to approve this GPAR, Adam seconded and all voted in favor to eliminate this certificate (7-0).*

APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT: December 1, 2023

APPROVAL BY DEPT. HEADS: December 4, 2023

APPROVAL BY C&C COMMITTEE: December 19, 2023

APPROVAL BY NEAG FACULTY: December 27, 2023

c) Proposal to eliminate Neag School of Education Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees from registrar's list and undergraduate course catalog

The Neag School of Education has not conferred a Bachelor of Arts degree since 2001. Given this, we are proposing to retain only the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees and eliminate the following Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees from the registrar's office current list:

ASL Education
Biology Education
Chemistry Education
English Education
French Education
Earth Science Education
German Language Education
History/Social Studies Education
Mathematics Education
Physics Education

Accordingly, we are proposing the following change in the current undergraduate catalog copy:

Current Catalog Copy

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Upon recommendation of the faculty, the degree of the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science is awarded by vote of the Board of Trustees to students who have met the following requirements: (1) earned a total of 120 credits; (2) earned at least a 2.2 grade point average for all calculable course work; (3) met all the requirements of the Neag

School of Education; and (4) earned at least 12 credits in courses offered in the Neag School of Education.

In addition, students with major fields of study in a subject area of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are eligible to receive the Bachelors of Arts degree from the Neag School of Education provided that they have met the general education requirements of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Revised Catalog Copy

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Upon recommendation of the faculty, the degree of Bachelor of Science (B.S.) is awarded by vote of the Board of Trustees to students who have met the following requirements: (1) earned a total of 120 credits; (2) earned at least a 2.2 grade point average for all calculable course work; (3) met all the requirements of the Neag School of Education; and (4) earned at least 12 credits in courses offered in the Neag School of Education.

- *Zack reviewed the above undergrad catalog copy revisions/elimination of listed BA degrees from Neag. Mike made a motion to approve, Ann seconded and all voted in favor (7-0).*

APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT: December 11, 2023

APPROVAL BY DEPT. HEADS: December 11, 2023

APPROVAL BY C&C COMMITTEE: December 19, 2023

APPROVAL BY NEAG FACULTY: December 27, 2023

- *The meeting adjourned at 10:10am.*