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NEAG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Curricula & Courses Committee

To: C&C Committee Members

From: Jaci VanHeest, Chair

Date: December 17, 2024

Re: Minutes of the Curricula & Courses Committee Meeting, December 17, 2024

In attendance: John Zack, Alex Freidus, Adam McCreedy, Jaci VanHeest, Ann Traynor, Dorothea Anagnostopoulos and Diane Herlihy

- 1) Approval of November 2024 meeting minutes
 - *Jaci began the meeting at 10:01am. Zack made a motion to adopt the November, 2024 minutes, Adam seconded, and all voted in favor. (5-0).*

- 2) New Courses

- a. **EDCI 3115: Teaching Mathematics in the Early Childhood Grades: Methods and Clinic (CAR 24-28873)**

Explanation: The addition of this course responds to recent changes made by the CT State Department of Education to expand the elementary certification to include Grades PreK and K. Requiring two elementary methods courses responds to the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators' (2017) "Standards for Preparing Teachers of Mathematics" calling for teacher preparation programs to have early childhood and upper elementary methods offerings. We are replacing EGEN 3120: Teaching and Learning in School Contexts with this new course, EDCI 3115.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

Teaching Mathematics in the Early Childhood Grades: Methods and Clinic

An introduction to current approaches and methods for teaching mathematics across the elementary school grades. Emphasis on communication throughout the school day. Concepts will be integrated with clinical experiences.

- *Jaci opened up a discussion about this new course. Ann explained that she has been working with Tutita on this because the State of Connecticut made changes to the grade levels for certification to now include Pre-K and K. This course was created to reflect these new standards. Ann made a motion to approve this new course, Adam seconded, and all voted in favor. (5-0).*

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3) Program Revisions

a. **MA in Curriculum and Instruction, concentration in Music Education (GPAR 24-ABRA-BVLMMT)**

Explanation: We are requesting a move of the MA in Curriculum and Instruction (non-IB/M), concentration from Storrs to Stamford. We have gotten approval from the Director of the Stamford Campus to make this move.

This degree and concentration is intended for practicing music teachers. We want to move the program to Stamford because it will allow us to attract teachers from Fairfield County, New York State, and New Jersey. These are more densely populated areas and therefore we will have a bigger pool of candidates to attract, and the program will serve more educators.

- *The Committee had a brief discussion about the location change for this program and felt it made sense. Alex made a motion to approve this change, Adam seconded, and all voted in favor. (5-0)*

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- *The meeting adjourned at 10:09am.*