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NEAG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Curricula & Courses Committee

To: C&C Committee Members

From: Jaci VanHeest, Chair

Date: January 20, 2025

Re: Minutes of the January Curricula & Courses Committee Meeting to record an electronic vote on GPAR 25-BURT-QED8E9

Committee members participating: Rachael Gabriel, John Zack, Alex Freidus, Adam McCready, Joe Madaus, Jaci VanHeest and Ann Traynor

- 1) The following electronic vote was sent to the C&C Committee members on 1/22/25. All 7 members voted to approve this change.

Program Revision - School Law Online Graduate Certificate (GPAR 25-BURT-QED8E9)

Proposal: Eliminate/Discontinue School Law Online Graduate Certificate

Explanation: Enrollment in the School Law Online Graduate Certificate program has been in decline for the past several years. From 2020 until Fall of 2024, the program has enrolled as few as 4 students to no more than 8. In addition, the faculty member teaching in the School Law program is needed to support the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) which has seen strong and consistent enrollment; on average 40 students are enrolled per admission cycle since 2020.

Implications: The School Law Online Graduate Certificate Program is supported by three courses run and taught by a faculty member in the Department of Educational Leadership. The fourth course is run and taught by faculty members in the Department of Educational Psychology (EPSY 5119). EPSY 5119 is a required course for other programs in the Neag School of Education, so a reduction in a small number of students from the School Law certificate will not have a negative impact on the ability of the department to run this course. The Department Head in Educational Psychology (Dr. Michael Coyne) has been informed of and supports the decision to close the School Law Online Graduate Certificate Program.

APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT: January 22, 2025

APPROVAL BY DEPT. HEADS: January 23, 2025

APPROVAL BY C&C COMMITTEE: January 23, 2025

APPROVAL BY NEAG FACULTY: January 30, 2025