ACADEMIC ALERT #2009-19

DATE: **November, 2009**

DECISION: **National College of Education (NCE)**

Elimination of M.S. Ed. Degree Option in Curriculum and Instruction

RATIONALE:
During the last five years there have been no students selecting the M.S.Ed. degree option and no more than two students in the prior five years selected it. Some students have initially chosen the program because they were confused at the time about the difference between the M.S. Ed. (a thesis required program) and the M. Ed. (no thesis required). This has led to confusion around the degree completion data and has wasted staff time in moving students to the correct degree option. There are no students enrolled who wish to be in a degree program requiring a thesis. The Curriculum and Instruction Program faculty have addressed this issue and have agreed to drop the M.S. Ed. degree option. The M.Ed. and C.A.S. degree options in Curriculum and Instruction remain.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: November 12, 2009

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall Term 2009

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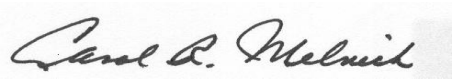

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Implementation

Changes need to be entered in the appropriate NLU web pages.

The Office of Admission and Records (OAR), and staff in Enrollment, Recruitment, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about this change.

The M.S.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction needs to be removed from the IBHE Inventory of approved programs during the annual reporting cycle.

The revised catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2010-2011.