REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered (from the Department of Special Education):

The rationale for creating the UEC prefix is to distinguish courses that are inclusive early childhood content courses from courses that focus strictly on special education content. The Department of Special Education is developing a new emphasis within the comprehensive special education major: Unified Early Childhood. Through this emphasis candidates will complete licensure requirements for two teaching areas: Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Education: Regular Education. A unique prefix that identifies the courses that focus on inclusive early childhood content will benefit candidates as they look for jobs, licensing officers as they process entitlement forms, and institutions of higher education considering transfer or graduate program admission. Courses within the UEC program that are unique to inclusive early childhood education will have the UEC prefix. Those unique to special education content will maintain the SPED prefix so that those reviewing transcripts will quickly understand the specific content focus of each of the courses.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. Having a prefix to match the new emphasis (if approved) is logical.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. Communicates clearly the focus of course content
2. Identifies easily the specific courses UWEC graduates take that are inclusive.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None

Committee Recommendation:
1. Establish a new prefix called UEC in the Department of Special Education.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of _8_ for to _0___ against on November 26, 2013

recommends that a prefix of UEC within the Department of Special Education be established.

Implementation Date: 2014-2015 Catalog

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
Chair of the Committee

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