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To: Academic Affairs Committee

From: James Carter, Chair Graduate Curriculum Committee
Sandra Groves, Director of Graduate Studies

RE: Executive Summary - Post-Master's Certificate for Director of Special Education

The Post-Master's Certificate for Director of Special Education proceeded through the curricular process in 2003-2004, being received by the Graduate Curriculum Committee in late spring 2004 after the adjournment for curricular action by GCC for the summer. Because the procedure for preliminary approval of new programs for fiscal accountability was not in place in 2003-2004, that form does not accompany this proposal. The proposal, however, does address the issue of resources needed for this particular program. Upon review, the GCC has determined that the Post-Master's Certificate is utilizing currently approved courses and faculty related to the delivery of the program and therefore no additional resources are needed.

This program allows Illinois State to be responsive to the recent certification changes and requirements by the Illinois State Board of Education for school administration personnel. This will join the currently offered Post-Master's Certificates for state endorsements for Superintendents, General Administrative (e.g., Principals), and Chief School Business Officials in the EAF Department. It meets the credit hour requirements for a Post-Master's Certificate established by IBHE by requiring a minimum of 24 hours, but fewer credit hours than a doctoral program (approximately 75 hours).