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TO: Daniel Holland, Chair, Academic Senate
FROM: Carlyn Morenus, Chair, University Curriculum Committee
RE: Proposal to Delete the Minor in Psychology for Teacher Education

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached Department of Psychology proposal to delete the Minor in Psychology for Teacher Education.

Psychology recommends the deletion of the teacher education minor because state requirements have changed such that Psychology is considered part of social science, and students wishing to teach high school Psychology now must attain teacher certification in all of the social sciences, not just Psychology. As a result of the new state requirements, students must now complete a total of 32 hours of social science including 12 or more semester hours in Psychology. In addition, the content exam that students must pass to earn certification now covers all of the social sciences instead of just Psychology. Since preparation for this certification can be achieved by completing either the Minor in Psychology or the Minor in Psychology for Teacher Education, the redundancy in these two minor programs is leading to the decision to delete the later.

There are two majors that require the completion of teacher education minors in other disciplines: Health Education (School Health Education Sequence) and Theatre Education. The deletion of the Minor in Psychology for Teacher Education will affect these programs, however very few students in these majors pursue the teacher education minor in Psychology, and it is anticipated that there will be even fewer now that students have to complete both the minor and 24 additional hours to be recommended for certification. These departments have been notified of the proposal to delete the Minor in Psychology for Teacher Education.

If approved by the Academic Senate the Minor in Psychology for Teacher Education will be removed from the *2008-2010 Undergraduate Catalog*.