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TO: Daniel Holland, Chairperson, Academic Senate  
FROM: Denise Wilson, Chairperson, Graduate Curriculum Committee  
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal for Deletion of the Post-Master’s Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Certificate

The Graduate Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal for deletion of the Post-Master’s Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Certificate.

Menonite College of Nursing proposes the deletion of the Post-Master’s Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Certificate because there has been a change in national certification requirements. The Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP) is no longer recognized as a specialty area for certification and has been replaced with the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner designation. The College explained that “resources needed to expand the GNP certificate to meet the requirements of the new designation would consume resources better used for other programmatic needs.” They further explained that when this national change was announced, they suspended recruitment efforts for the GNP sequence and certificate, thus there are no students currently enrolled in the certificate. The GNP sequence and associated courses have already been successfully removed from University programs.

There is no anticipated impact on other programs on campus as a result of this sequence deletion.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to delete this certificate.

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Attachments