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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate

FROM: Denise Wilson, Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee

RE: Executive Summary – Proposal from the Department of Educational Administration and Foundations for a new Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Leader Certificate

The Graduate Curriculum Committee approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Leader Certificate.

The Department of Educational Administration and Foundations designed the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Leader Certificate for experienced teachers who wish to assume building-level leadership roles without moving into formal administrative positions. Students may earn a certificate from Illinois State University and the new Illinois Teacher Leader endorsement by taking six courses (18 hours). Coursework will focus on cultivating leadership that improves teaching and learning. The course of study was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education in summer 2014.

The courses in the teacher leader certificate program are not only Educational Administration and Foundations courses, but also courses from the Department of Special Education and the School of Teaching and Learning since the nature of the program bridges traditional teaching and traditional administration. The participating departments agreed that the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Leader Certificate would be housed in the Department of Educational Administration and Foundations.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the new Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Leader Certificate.

Attachments

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