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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

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To: Faculty Governance Committee

From: Richard S. Hansen *RS Hansen*  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Subject: Program closure and reorganization

I am writing to indicate that I will be making a recommendation to the President concerning program closure and reorganization. As Chief Academic Officer and having been a part of the program assessment process with you, I thought it appropriate to offer President Fos my recommendation. I viewed the same data that the voting members utilized in making decisions and feel that the data calls for more than three (3) programs to be discontinued. The following chart details my thinking about how certain programs could be reorganized or combined and my rationale for making certain recommendations.

I think that recommendations about reorganization are appropriate given the committee's placing twenty five (25) programs into this category. President Fos will have both recommendations for his consideration. As you will see, I have recommended certain programs be closed with Board action in December 2014 at the same time providing ample time for reorganization or restructuring consistent with your recommendations.

As this phase of our work draws to a conclusion, please accept my sincere thanks and respect for your hundreds of hours of work analyzing, struggling over the data, and considering what configuration of UNO academic programs will provide a basis for the institution to move forward on a more solid footing. You have all performed a great service to UNO and have demonstrated the best of shared governance. It has been a pleasure working with you to make UNO stronger and more academically focused.

**Table 1: Academic Program Discontinuation and Revitalization - Phase 1 Recommendations**

**Submitted by:**

**Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs**

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<i>College of Education and Human Development</i>		
<i>Degree Program</i>	<i>Recommended Action</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
B.S. Early Childhood Education (Grades PreKindergarten – 3)	Discontinue program	Low enrollment; Change in add on certification regulations does not require university coursework
B.S. Elementary Education – Integrated/Merged Approach	Discontinue program	Low enrollment and low completer numbers over 3 year period
M.Ed. Special Education	Discontinue programs and create a single M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning in collaboration with existing M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with concentrations informed by school district personnel	Low enrollment and low completer numbers over 3 year period
Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction	Discontinue programs and create a single Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning	Low enrollment and low completer numbers over 3 year period
Ph.D. Special Education		
<i>College of Liberal Arts</i>		
<i>Degree Program</i>	<i>Recommended Action</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
B.A. Geography	Already Discontinued – Retain Minor	Program discontinued in May 2011; Teach out plan completed
M.A. Geography	Already Discontinued – Offer service coursework for other graduate programs if needed	Program discontinued in December 2009; Teach out plan completed
M.A. Political Science	Discontinue program and possibly create a concentration within a new M.A. in Social Sciences	Low enrollment and low completer numbers for 3 year period
M.A. Romance Languages	Discontinue program	Low enrollment
Ph.D. Political Science	Discontinue program	Low enrollment