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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 7 (b)

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

School of Graduate Studies: Cessation of Admission and Closure of M.Ed./M.A./Ed.D/Ph.D Program in Teacher Development

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee has the authority to approve minor changes within degree programs.

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The program has recently undergone an OCGS appraisal in 2003 that raised questions regarding concerns about actual and projected enrolments and the viability of the program as a separate entity. Both Teacher Development (TD) and Curriculum, Teaching and Learning (CTL) faculty sub-committees explored various ways in which the two programs could work together. As part of Stepping UP academic planning, the TD program was again reviewed.

As a result, it has been proposed that the TD courses be integrated into the CTL program and the MEd/MA/EdD/PhD TD program be discontinued. Both TD courses and faculty would be relocated to the Curriculum Program in CTL. Admission to the program would cease effective immediately and the program would be formally closed when no further students were registered in it. The Curriculum Program will provide students with greater depth and breadth of study in teacher development and access to other faculty involved in teacher development research. This will strengthen the CTL commitment to and coordination of the study of and research in teaching, teacher education, and teacher development. Details regarding the schedule for the integration into the Curriculum program are outlined in the attached documentation.

The proposal was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on November 23, 2004.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

Staff for the program will continue to support the Centre for Teacher Development as well as to provide support for faculty and staff in the Curriculum Program. The proposal has been reviewed by the Office of Planning and Budget and it has been confirmed that the proposal does not require the allocation of additional resources from sources outside of the division. This item will go forward to Planning and Budget Committee for information

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For Information