



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies / Ontario Institute for Studies in Education University of Toronto: Closure of the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in the Curriculum Studies and Teacher Development Program

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Program has authority for approval of changes to within established degree programs that can be accomplished with existing resources.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning introduced a flexible time Ph.D. option in 2005 which provides an effective and desirable option for both future researchers and professional practitioners. Most students aiming to pursue doctoral study concurrent with their professional careers enroll in the flexible time Ph.D. program and therefore entry to the Curriculum Studies and Teacher Development, Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree, was suspended in 2005.

The CSTD Program therefore proposes to discontinue the Ed.D. degree after the last currently enrolled Ed.D. student completes the program. Students will also be given the opportunity to transfer from the Ed.D. to the Ph.D. program.

The proposed closure of the Ed.D. program has been approved by CSTD Program Committee (November 2, 2006), the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Council (November 15, 2006) and the Faculty Council of OISE/UT (December 13, 2006). The School of Graduate Studies Graduate Education Council approved the program closure on January 23, 2007.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommend to Academic Board:

THAT the proposal from the School of Graduate Studies and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/UT to cease admission to the Curriculum Studies and Teacher Development Program, Ed.D. be approved and,

THAT the closure of the Ed.D. program be approved when no students are registered in it. The entry for the program will be removed from the School of Graduate Studies calendar on a permanent basis, effective September 2007.