November 21, 2014

Dr. Charles Swanik, Chair
Graduate Studies Committee
Faculty Senate
CAMPUS

RE: Extension request for M.Ed. in School Leadership

Dear Dr. Swanik and members of the Graduate Studies Committee:

The Master of Education in School Leadership program was scheduled for a Permanent Status Program Review (PSPR) last year. This program was initially approved by Faculty Senate during the 2007-2008 academic year and began enrolling students in Fall 2008. The program was designed as a degree program for Delaware's educational leaders who seek principal certification and last year (2013-2014) the program was granted a one-year extension for Permanent Status Program Review.

At that time, we were awaiting a decision by the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) about the status of a proposal from one of our faculty members, Dr. Jackie Wilson, to develop a set of nonacademic professional development activities that would allow a pathway to principal certification. The proposal was approved at every level of the DDOE, but not approved by Secretary of Education Mark Murphy. Dr. Wilson is working with the DDOE to address Secretary Murphy's concerns, at which point she will resubmit her proposal for DDOE approval. In short, the material conditions have not changed from last year, and for this reason we ask again to defer the decision about the status of the Master of Education in School Leadership program. We expect to resolve the issue during Spring 2015, and therefore ask to be granted an additional year to respond to the PSPR.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lynn Okagaki
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