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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joan Lorden, Provost, UNC Charlotte
FROM: Charles Wood, SPCD Chair CW
TOPIC: Degree name change for the M.Ed. in Special Education
DATE: April 11, 2019

Request for Degree Name Change

The Department of Special Education and Child Development is requesting to change the name of our Master of Education in Special Education degree. Specifically, we are requesting to change our Master of Education degree name

FROM: Master of Education in Special Education

TO: Master of Education in Special Education and Child Development

Rationale. Historically, there has been low enrollment in the Master of Education (M.Ed.) programs within the Department of Special Education and Child Development; these M.Ed. programs include *M.Ed. in Academically or Intellectually Gifted Education*, *M.Ed. in Child and Family Studies*, and *M.Ed. in Special Education*. Beginning 2017-2018 academic year, graduate programs within the Cato College of Education have been taking effort to repackage their graduate programs to make them more inviting and attractive to perspective students. In response to the low enrollment and College's repackaging effort, a proposal was brought to the entire faculty in the Department of Special Education and Child Development to combine the three M.Ed. programs into one M.Ed. degree program with three different concentrations (i.e., Academically or Intellectually Gifted Education, Child and Family Studies, and Special Education) and with the degree name changed to "M.Ed. in Special Education and Child Development." Faculty voted on January 29, 2018 with 16 votes in favor of the new degree name and 1 voted against the new name with a question whether the name should include the word, "and" or "or." A Graduate Program Revision proposal, *Special Education, M.Ed.*, is currently routed through approval process in Curriculog. "Program Inactivation" proposals for the "Child and Family Studies: Early Education, M.Ed." and "M.Ed. in Special Education, Academically Gifted" have been submitted.

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