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TO: Dr. Ginette Delandshere, Chair  
Graduate Studies Committee

FROM: Dr. Jesse Goodman, Co-Coordinator ECGP Program  
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DATE: October 6, 2005

RE: Request Program Name Change and Rationale

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jesse Goodman", written over the "FROM" line of the header.

Last spring, Diana Lambdin, Jesse Goodman and I decided to explore the possibility of changing the name of the Elementary Certification Graduate Program (ECGP). We believe that a change would clarify the application process and admission procedures.

During the past three years, we have spent a considerable amount of time helping prospective students differentiate between the Elementary Transition to Teaching program, the Elementary Transition to Teaching plus master's program and the ECGP. Actually, the Elementary Transition to Teaching program is a subset of the ECGP; conversely, ECGP program is the master's option for the Elementary T-to-T program.

We suggest that we should advertise one program – the Elementary Transition to Teaching program with two options: the Master's Degree option or the Certification only option. We would ask that these options be listed on the web-based application to the program. On the web site; where we currently offer information about ECGP and about ET-to-T, we would now describe the Elementary Transition to Teaching program with its two options.

We think that this change would clarify for students important differences between the two programs. In order to make any change, we know that there are important timelines that must be considered. We hope that we have initiated this process within a workable time frame.

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