October 26, 2011

To: Policy Council

From: Jesse Goodman and Diana Lambdin

Re: Proposed Changes in the Elementary Certification Master's Program

Last year, Dean Gonzalez asked me and Diana Lambdin, the Co-Directors for the Elementary Certification Master's Program (formerly the ET2T + Master's Program which is and will continue to be a “track” within the Elementary Education Program), to reduce the required number of required credits from 49 to 36 in order to be more competitive and more in line with other MS programs at IU and around the country. After conferring with the faculty who regularly teach in this program, we were able to reduce the number of required credits to 37 without drastically altering the integrity of the program. This reduction was achieved by the following:

1) Reducing the number of credits associated with our student teaching practicum (M550) from 10 to 3 credits. Students will still be required to student teach for the entire semester, but will only have to pay for 3 credits. This tuition will more than cover the cost of university supervision of these students.

2) Putting in a “course change request” proposing the number of credit hours for E579 (Inquiry in Elementary Education) be altered from 3 credits to variable credits: 1-3. Reduce the number of credits required for E579 in the ECMP from 3 to 1 credit. Since the major requirement for this course is completed as an independent study, the faculty agreed that this reduction makes sense.

3) Reducing the number of “Campus Based” requirements from 12 to 9.

4) Students will be no longer be allowed to transfer 9 credits from their undergraduate degree to meet licensure requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Goodman or Dr. Lambdin.
Program Area: Elementary Education

I. Major: Elementary Education

- L549 Advanced Study of Reading & Language Arts: (K-3)  37
- E548 Advanced Study in the Teaching of Science  3
- E543 Advanced Study in the Teaching of Mathematics  3
- M501 Laboratory/Field Experience and Seminar: Legal Responsibilities of Teachers & Educational Issues  2
- L545 Advanced Study of Reading & Language Arts: (4-6)  3
- Z501 Art Methods for Educators  3
- E547 Experience in Elementary Social Studies Curriculum  3
- M501 Laboratory/Field Experience and Seminar: Creating a Classroom Community & Children's Health  2
- M550 Practicum (Student Teaching)  3
- E594 Seminar in Elementary Education (Teaching in Today's Schools)  2
- E579 Inquiry in Elementary Education  1
- P510 or P515 or P530 or P540 (Educational Psychology)  3
- L559 (Children's Literature)  3
- E555 Human Diversity in Education (Special Education and Multicultural Pedagogy)  3