

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Special Education and Inclusive Practices (SEIP) requests the suspension of the Unified Early Childhood-Comprehensive Major (Code 950-098). Changes to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) licensing bands has significantly reduced enrollment, as students can now earn the 4K-9 license with the SEIP K-12 & Elementary/Middle Comprehensive Major. The department has added a certificate for students interested in serving the pre-4K age group.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Elimination of major instead of suspension

Pros of Recommendation:

Students are no longer choosing the Unified Early Childhood Comprehensive Major, as most sought this major to allow them to teach 4K and kindergarten. The department requests suspension instead of elimination to be prepared in the event that DPI again changes the licensure bands. Students who are in-process with this major will continue to have access to necessary coursework to complete their program or will have the option to switch to the Unified Elementary/Middle Program.

Cons of Recommendation:

None.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None.

Committee Recommendation:

The committee recommends approval of the suspension of the Special Education, Unified Early Childhood – Comprehensive Major [950-098].

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on February 14, 2023 (Date)

Recommends that:

The suspension of the Special Education, Unified Early Childhood – Comprehensive Major [950-098] starting with the 2023/24 AY.

Implementation Date: 23/24 catalog

Signed: _____

Chair of the Committee

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