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Memorandum on Deletion of B.S. in Ed. Degrees

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TO: Roger Champagne, Chairman, Academic Affairs Committee  
Charles Edwards, Chairman, Academic Senate

FROM: Stan Rives

RE: Deletion of B.S. in Ed. Degrees

During the past academic year, we received a specific request from the Department of Chemistry to discontinue offering of the B.S. in Ed. degree in Chemistry (that is, offer only the B.A. and B.S. degrees). As a result, we surveyed other departments to determine their desire to continue or discontinue offering of the B.S. in Ed. degree. Meanwhile, the issue was discussed with the University Curriculum Committee, which unanimously passed the following motion on September 13, 1973: "to endorse the right of departments to drop the B.S. in Ed. degree as indicated by faculty vote."

The faculties of thirteen departments have voted to discontinue offering of the B.S. in Ed. degree: Agriculture, Art, Chemistry, English, History, Information Sciences, Mathematics, Music, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology-Anthropology, Speech Pathology-Audiology, and Theatre. The minutes of departmental meetings, or other appropriate document, reflecting these actions are attached.

Some concern has also been expressed that it might be desirable for the University to retain the degrees to use externally for "bargaining purposes" in obtaining desired new academic programs and degrees. This item has been discussed individually with the appropriate college deans. There are no requests to drop degrees from the Colleges of Business and Education. Dean Bolen (Fine Arts) feels that it would be desirable to retain the B.S. in Ed. degrees in Art, Music, and Theatre at this time in order to use the degrees as "trades" in the future for BFA degrees in the three areas. Dean Porter (Applied Science and Technology) feels that it would be desirable to retain the B.S. in Ed. degree in Agriculture. All other requests are in Arts and Sciences. Dean Shuman feels that it would be appropriate to act on the requests of Chemistry, English, History, Mathematics, Political Science, and Psychology, but to hold action on Information Sciences, Sociology-Anthropology, and Speech Pathology-Audiology since each of the latter departments is involved in program development where an external "trade off" might prove useful.
In light of the above, we are recommending consideration of Academic Senate approval for dropping the B.S. in Ed. degree in Chemistry, English, History, Mathematics, Political Science, and Psychology with the understanding that deletion must also be approved by the Board of Regents and Board of Higher Education. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal with the Academic Affairs Committee prior to its recommendation of action by the Senate.

SR/rb
Attachments

cc: Dean Helgeson