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DISCONTINUANCE OF THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching in the College of Education, effective Fall term 2021.

Background

The Learning Design and Technology (LDT) faculty completed a review of 5-year data regarding enrollment trends, sustainability, market analysis, and growth potential of its existing programs. It was a unanimous decision of the faculty to close low enrollment programs, including the Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching. There has been little interest in the program. The number of completers has declined each year over the last five years, from six completers in 2016 to one completer in 2020. No students are enrolled in the program, and the program began an admission moratorium in the Fall term 2020.

The program was narrowly marketed to current WSU doctoral students with aspirations of joining the academy. With a greater emphasis on time to degree and experiential opportunities, interest in adding 15 credit hours to a doctoral program became less attractive. Also, WSU launched *Teach Anywhere* since the pandemic that provides free and readily available staff and resources for online instruction, which includes resources for doctoral students serving as Graduate Teaching Assistants. Efforts to market the program to a broader demographic were not successful.

Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching is a 15-credit hour program designed to equip doctoral students with insight, skills, and experience to excel as classroom instructors and members of the academic community.

Approvals

The recommendation to discontinue this program was approved by the faculty of the Learning Design and Technology program, Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, Dean of the Graduate School, and the Interim Provost.