

December 13, 2007

To: Dr. Ron Severson, Chair of the Undergraduate Education Council
From: Jerry Rosiek, Department Head of Teacher Education
Re: Revised Degree Program Proposal

Enclosed please find multiple copies of our revised proposal for a new unified undergraduate degree in the College of Education. This proposal was originally submitted in the Spring of '07. The proposed degree will replace two existing undergraduate education degrees currently being offered in our department. The new degree consolidates these past programs, builds on the success of our Science and Math Elementary Education Partnerships (SMEEP), and embeds a more robust focus on the social and cultural influences on educational processes.

The proposal was reviewed by the Undergraduate Council in November. According to our notes, our conversations with you, and the letter we received from you dated Dec. 12, we understand that the Council was very supportive of the elementary track of our proposal. The Council, however, was not prepared to support the secondary track of the proposal.

Since the secondary track of this proposal was never intended to serve more than a few students, since our colleagues on the undergraduate council would prefer other means be found to increase the number of mathematics and science secondary teachers graduating from UO, since this track was included with some ambivalence on our part as a means of addressing OUS system priorities we had been asked to address, and since the parties who made those requests have agreed we should find other ways to address those priorities, we have removed this track from the proposal.

Additionally, we have changed the name of the degree from "Educational Studies" to "Educational Foundations" because we have been advised by persons in scheduling and in the registrar's office to do so. Apparently if a Department has more than one degree name (and ours does), then it causes practical problems if our Dept shares a name with any one of these degrees. Since our Department will be named Educational Studies, none of our degrees can be so named unless they all are. This name change does not signal a change in the character or content of the proposed degrees.

As always, thank you for your assistance and encouragement in this process. If you have any questions or concerns about this updated proposal, please direct them to Jerry Rosiek, jrosiek@uoregon.edu, 912-9333 or Jill Baxter, jabaxter@uoregon.edu, 346-2190.