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Situation: Western Carolina University requests authorization to discontinue one degree program.

Background: Western Carolina University recommends discontinuation of its Master of Arts in Education in Community College Administration. The program was reviewed during the 2010-2011 program prioritization process and has exhibited a pattern of low enrollment. No new applications have been received since 2011, and the program has graduated no students since 2012. Two faculty members who served the program have left the university, and any potential savings from those positions were lost to budget cuts. No EPA or SPA staff were assigned to the program; hence, the discontinuation produces no additional savings.

Assessment: Discontinuation of the programs is recommended.

Action: This item requires a vote.

**Request for Authorization to Discontinue the
Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) in Community College Administration at
Western Carolina University**

Western Carolina University has requested that its MAEd in Community College Administration (CIP Code #13.0407) be discontinued.

The MAEd program has exhibited consistently low enrollment. No students are currently enrolled in the program and as such, no teach out plan is required or in effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve Western Carolina University's request to discontinue the MAEd in Community College Administration.