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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Barbara C. Steidle, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education,
Assessment, and Academic Services

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Registrar and Assistant to the Provost for
Curriculum and Catalog

RE: Request for Moratorium on Admissions to Visual Impairment Area of Emphasis in
the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Special Education

Request for Moratorium on Admissions to the Master of Arts and Doctor of
Philosophy Degree in Special Education

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP).

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above at its meeting on April 26, 2001. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the members of the UCAP.

These requests will also be included on the agenda for the May 7, 2001 meeting of the University Graduate Council (UGC).

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please call me at 5-8420. Thank you for your help.

Attachments:

1. Request for Permanent Changes in an Academic Program form dated April 16, 2001: Bachelor of Arts degree program in Special Education-Visual Impairment and attachments.
2. Request for Permanent Changes in an Academic Program form dated April 16, 2001: Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Special Education and attachments.

copy of memorandum only to:

Dr. Karen Klomparens, Assistant Provost for Graduate Education and
Dean of The Graduate School

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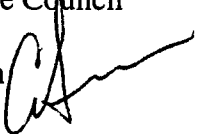
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MEMORANDUM

TO: University Committee on Academic Policy
University Graduate Council

FROM: Carole Ames, Dean 

SUBJECT: Moratorium on Admission to VI Programs

DATE: April 16, 2001

REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON ADMISSIONS TO VI PROGRAMS

The College of Education wishes to impose a moratorium on admissions to the bachelors and masters programs in visual impairment within the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. In addition, we wish to have a moratorium on admissions to the specialization in visual impairment in the doctoral program in special education. The moratorium, if approved, would take effect with the cycle of admission for summer semester, 2001. No incoming students would be admitted and undergraduates who have not already been admitted to the teacher education program in visual impairment would be affected. In addition, students who have been admitted to the teacher education program who might wish to apply to move into the visual impairment area would be denied access. Finally, post baccalaureate students interested in adding certification in visual impairment would be precluded from applying to the program.

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The moratorium on admissions would affect any masters level student who wishes to apply to the MA in visual impairment or deaf-blind or orientation and mobility. The moratorium would also be effective for any student seeking admission to the MA program in visually impaired offered through MSU Virtual University. The visual impairment specialization in special education at the doctoral level would also not be available.

We propose that the moratorium be effective until such time as the College has had an opportunity to consider its options and determine what other action might be taken.

REASON FOR REQUEST

Dr. Susan Bruce, the sole full-time faculty member in the visually impaired area, recently resigned her position effective summer, 2001. While the faculty and administration of the College of Education consider options regarding the future of the programs in visual impairment, we feel it is prudent to restrict admissions to the programs at least on a temporary, but immediate, basis.

COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAMS

The College of Education will insure that all courses required for each of the programs in visual impairment will be staffed and offered for students who are currently enrolled in the bachelors, masters and doctoral programs. Students who are in the program will be advised of the maintenance of their programs.

ACTION REQUESTED

We request approval for a moratorium on admissions to the teacher education program, effective summer 2001, at the bachelors level in special education for the visually impaired, for the masters level programs in visually impaired, deaf-blind, and orientation and mobility, and for the specialization at the doctoral level in visually impaired special education. Students who have been identified as interested in any of these programs will be immediately informed of the moratorium on admissions so that they may consider application to other programs at MSU or programs at other universities.