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RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE THE TEACHER EDUCATION
ADJUNCT COMMITTEE OF CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
(effective fall 2009)

March 12, 2009

To: Dr. Cheryl Contant, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean
Members of the Curriculum Committee

From: Judy Kuechle, Chair, Division of Education
Teacher Education Program Faculty

Re: Teacher Education Adjunct Committee of Curriculum Committee

The current UMM Constitution includes a Teacher Education Committee in its structure. This committee reports to the Curriculum Committee. The membership includes four faculty members, with representation from each division, two students, and the chair of the Division of Education, who serves ex officio and without vote. The duties and responsibilities of the Teacher Education Committee include the review of teacher education programs and policies.

Teacher education crosses many disciplines at UMM and interaction with other divisions and disciplines enhances our teacher preparation program. The Teacher Education Committee was an important part of this process in the past; however changes enacted by the Minnesota Board of Teaching and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education require a broader perspective. Our teacher education program must consult with a much wider representation from UMM, and the public schools it serves, in the design and review of teacher preparation programs.

Teacher Education has established an Advisory Council which consists of UMM education and liberal arts faculty members, UMM students, prek-12 teachers and area principals and superintendents. The Advisory Council better serves the needs of our teacher preparation program and enables it to remain in good standing for state and national accreditation.

Recommendation:

Eliminate the Teacher Education Adjunct Committee of the Curriculum Committee.