

**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE Ed.D., Ph.D., AND Ed.S. DEGREES IN  
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, due to budget restrictions and restructuring during the early and mid-1990s, the Ed.D., Ph.D., and Ed.S. programs in administration and supervision of special education were reduced in size and scholarly activity when the former College of Education was downsized and merged with the former College of Human Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, funds were not available to replace faculty positions, the external funding activity waned, and only part-time students enrolled in the programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a subsequent close examination of enrollment trends, resource availability, and centrality to the School of Education's mission and strategic plan led to the conclusion that the institutional investment required to rebuild the administration and supervision of special education program was not a compelling university priority; and

**WHEREAS**, no students have been admitted to these degree programs since fall 2005 and a concerted effort was made to notify all students who had enrolled in these programs that the programs would be discontinued as of fall 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, faculty are committed to teach required courses and provide advisement necessary for any remaining students to complete their plans of study through fall 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the last term for award of any of these degrees will be fall 2011;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ed.D., Ph.D., and Ed.S. degree programs in administration and supervision of special education be discontinued in accordance with the approved discontinuation schedule.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution to discontinue the Ed.D., Ph.D., and Ed.S. degree programs in administration and supervision of special education be approved and forwarded to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for further review and approval.

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