

**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE THE MS.Ed. DEGREE IN  
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, due to budget restrictions and restructuring during the early and mid-1990s, the master's degree option for preparing teachers in health and physical education was discontinued; and

**WHEREAS**, the School of Education must make strategic choices about its mission and the most critical programs needed to address that mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the School of Education has been asked to focus on improving K-12 education, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and math education (STEM) disciplines; and

**WHEREAS**, a subsequent close examination of resource availability and centrality to the School of Education's mission and strategic plan led to the conclusion that the institutional investment required to sustain the health and physical education teacher preparation option was not a compelling university priority; and

**WHEREAS**, no students have been admitted to this degree program since fall 2009 and a concerted effort was made to notify all students who had enrolled in this program that it would be discontinued as of spring 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, faculty are committed to teach required courses and provide advisement necessary for any remaining students to complete their plans of study through spring 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the last term for award of these degrees will be spring 2012;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the MS.Ed. degree program in health and physical education be discontinued in accordance with the approved discontinuation schedule.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution to discontinue the MS.Ed. degree program in health and physical education be approved and forwarded to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for further review and approval.

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