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A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Establishment of the Master of Education in Educational Leadership

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents grant authority to the graduate faculty in the UW Bothell Education Program to offer the Master of Education in Educational Leadership, effective Autumn Quarter 2009. The master's program will have provisional status with a review to be scheduled in the 2014-2015 academic year. At such time that continuing status is granted, a ten-year review cycle would begin.

BACKGROUND

In July, 2008, the Graduate School received a proposal from the graduate faculty in the UW Bothell Education Program requesting authority to offer the Master of Education in Educational Leadership (EDL). Implementation is planned for Spring Quarter 2010. At full enrollment the program would graduate 20 students per year; these graduates would meet the requirements for Washington's residency principal certification and be prepared to become school principals. The EDL program would complement an existing UWB Master of Education program by targeting a different student audience and offering a different curriculum in order to provide a continuum of professional programs for educators.

The EDL program would serve teachers working in instructional (teacher) leadership positions in their schools, primarily in several districts that have previously partnered with UWB, and prepare them to become school principals. The proposed program responds to a stated need for qualified principals from district officials in Washington State. It would require a minimum of 40 credit hours, apportioned nearly equally among in-class, online, and supervised leadership instruction.

In May, 2009, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School appointed two reviewers to evaluate the EDL proposal. Both reviewers were education faculty at recognized universities, and both supported approval of the degree program.

The Graduate School Council met on June 4, 2009, to discuss the EDL proposal. The Council unanimously recommended that the proposal be forwarded to the

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Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) for review and approval. The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School concurred with this recommendation.

The proposal was approved by the full HECB on September 29, 2009.

The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, the UW Bothell Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Provost have reviewed and approved the recommendation for program implementation. The Higher Education Coordinating Board will be informed of the Board of Regents' action on the Master of Education in Educational Leadership.