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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION

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DATE

16 September 2014

FROM

Wade Parkhouse, Dean of Graduate

No.

GS2014.30

RE:

Faculty of Education

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of September 8, 2014, SGSC approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

## **Faculty of Education**

Program change: MA and MEd in Educational Leadership

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ATTENTION: Senate Graduate Studies Committee

FROM: Robin Brayne, Graduate Program Chair

RE: Educational Leadership MA and M.Ed. program change

DATE: 2014 May 27

For consideration at the July 7, 2014 meeting, please find attached program changes for the Educational Leadership Master of Arts and Master of Education programs.

We are requesting the following changes to the program requirements for both degree programs:

a) Delete: EDUC 811 Fieldwork I (5) (s/u graded course)

b) Add: EDUC 904 Fieldwork III (5) (graded course))

If approved, we request changes become effective Summer 2015.

Sincerely,

Robin Brayne,

Director

c: Phil Winne, Associate Dean Graduate Studies, Education This proposed change for the Educational Leadership Master of Arts and Master of Education programs replaces EDUC 811-5 Fieldwork I, a satisfactory/unsatisfactory graded course, with EDUC 904-5, Fieldwork III, a graded course.

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Admission is granted to a specific degree and to a particular program or specialization. Updated application information is available from the Faculty of Education.

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EDUC 863 - Quantitative Methods in Educational Research (3)

EDUC 866 - Qualitative Methods in Educational Research (5)

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Classes are normally scheduled every second weekend at the program location.

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