August 18, 2017

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Education and the College of Public Health to dissolve the Institute of Evidence-Based Health Professions Education will be an agenda item for the August 25, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav
College of Education
Office of the Dean

3 April 2017

Dr. Pamela Whitten
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
203 Administration Building
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Dear Provost Whitten:

We request the dissolution of the Institute for Evidence-Based Health Professions Education (IEBHPE), which has been jointly sponsored by the College of Public Health and the College of Education since 2010. The IEBHPE functioned effectively for several years after its inception, but as its leaders assumed additional roles and responsibilities in the university, the activity in the Institute declined. In some cases, activity appropriate to the institute has flourished based on connections made by faculty and community practitioners within IEBHPE, but the Institute is no longer functioning as an umbrella for these collaborations. Rather, Associate Provost Russell Mumper has convened a campus-level Interprofessional Education Leadership Committee that is pursuing many of the same objectives originally identified by the IEBHPE.

Those providing leadership for the institute are in agreement with this request to dissolve the Institute, and we do not anticipate any adverse consequences to the university from its closure. The IEBHPE is currently inactive; it is receiving no funds, has no space, and has no faculty time allocated to it. The institute has no staff, no degree programs, and no students. Thus, we are submitting this request through the curriculum approval process for dissolution of the Institute for Evidence-Based Health Professions Education. If you have questions, either of us is happy to respond.

Sincerely,

Craig H. Kennedy, PhD
Dean and Professor
College of Education

Phillip L. Williams, PhD
Dean and Professor
College of Public Health