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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Education to dissolve the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Education and Human Development will be an agenda item for the October 13, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav
TO: Dr. Suzanne Barbour, Dean of the Graduate School
    Fiona Liken, Assistant Vice President

FROM: Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, Associate Dean for Academic Programs

DATE: September 25, 2017

RE: Dissolution of Institute for Interdisciplinary Research

Please find attached a proposal from the College of Education to dissolve the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research.

The College of Education’s Curriculum Committee approved this proposal on September 25, 2017
College of Education  
Office of the Dean

27 July 2017

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

I am writing to request the dissolution of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Education and Human Development. The institute was formally approved in 2010. Conceived as an organizing body for development of interdisciplinary teams of researchers in education and human development to secure external funding for their work, the institute was designed to (1) enhance efficiency in responding to significant funding opportunities; and (2) facilitate research initiatives and outcome data necessary to address research concerns at state and national levels. Further, the institute was also designed to be a revenue-bearing unit in the development of workshops on methodology.

The institute began with these goals in mind; however, after a couple of years, personnel who were part of the original design of the institute retired or sought employment at other institutions. Collaborations among faculty also occurred naturalistically outside of the unit indicating the unit was duplicative in the services it provided to the college. College centers that were subsumed under the institute structure were either dissolved or significantly restructured.

I do not anticipate any adverse consequences to the university from its closure. The institute is currently inactive, is receiving no funds, has no space, and has no budgeted faculty time allocated to it. The institute has no staff, degree programs, or students. Thus, I am submitting this request through the curriculum approval process for the dissolution of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Education and Human Development. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Craig H. Kennedy, PhD  
Dean and Professor