



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Michael Johnson, President 

RE: President's Response to Senate Actions

DATE: January 30, 2026

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting on January 23, 2026, which were approved electronically on January 27, 2026. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds. Note that Section 3.6.2 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual states, *inter alia*: "The termination of educational programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents." So, all program, degree, and major terminations (as well as additions) need to be approved by the Board. Our requests should include the rationale and the plan for addressing the needs of existing students.

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Stacy Boyd, Chair)

Action Items: *All items were taken as a block vote and approved unanimously.*

- A) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Special Education
 - a) SPED - 3250 - Teaching Elementary Mathematics I - Dual Certification
Request: Add
 - b) SPED - 3260 - Teaching Elementary Mathematics II - Dual Certification
Request: Add
 - c) SPED - 3270 - Teaching Content and Processes for Science Education - Dual Certification
Request: Add
 - d) SPED - 3280 - Teaching Content and Processes: Social Studies - Dual Certification
Request: Add
 - 2) Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education
 - a) Health and Community Wellness, B.S.
Request: Revise

- B) College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
 - 1) School of Humanities
 - a) English, B.A. (Accelerated Bachelors to Masters (ABM) in English Education Track)
Request: Revise
 - 2) School of Social Sciences
 - a) Social and Behavioral Health, B.S.
Request: Revise
- C) Perry College of Mathematics, Computing, and Sciences
 - 1) School of Computing, Analytics, and Modeling
 - a) COMP - 1010 - Computing in the Modern World
Request: Add
- D) Tanner Health School of Nursing
 - 1) Nursing, Pre-licensure Track, BSN
Request: Revise

UPC approved proposals to delete the following programs:

- A) University College
 - 1) Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
 - a) Global Studies, B.A.
Request: Delete
 - 2) Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - a) Embedded Certificate in Prisoner Reentry and Community Corrections
Request: Delete

I accept this block vote motion.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Kim Green, Chair)

Action Items: *All items taken as a block and were approved unanimously.*

- A) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Educational Technology and Foundations
 - a) Ed.D. in Learning Design and Educational Technology
Request: Add
 - b) LDET - 9100 - Foundations of Learning Design and Educational Technology
Request: Add
 - c) LDET - 9200 - Research Strategies for LDET
Request: Add
 - d) LDET - 9300 - Learning Design Studio
Request: Add
 - e) LDET - 9400 - Inquiry and Measurement for LDET
Request: Add

- f) LDET - 9500 - Professional Development Through Universal Design for Learning
Request: Add
- g) LDET - 9700 - LDET and Organizational Strategies
Request: Add
- h) LDET - 9800 - Performance Systems and Needs Analysis
Request: Add
- i) LDET - 9900 - Policy and Ethics in LDET
Request: Add
- j) LDET - 9998 - Capstone I: Problem of Practice Investigation & Prototype Development
Request: Add
- k) LDET - 9999 - Capstone II: Implementation & Impact Analysis
Request: Add
- l) Ed.D. Special Education
Request: Add
- m) SPED - 9000 - Orientation to the Ed.D. in Special Education
Request: Add
- n) SPED - 9010 - Policy to Practice: Legal and Ethical Decision-Making in Special Education
Request: Add
- o) SPED - 9020 - Leadership in Finance, Budgeting, and Resource Management for Special Education
Request: Add
- p) SPED - 9030 - Current Trends and Issues in Special Education
Request: Add
- q) SPED - 9040 - Facilitative Leadership in Special Education: Advanced Communication, Collaboration, and Conflict
Request: Add
- r) SPED - 9060 - Systemic Program Evaluation
Request: Add
- s) SPED - 9070 - Advanced Research Methods for Special Education Leaders
Request: Add
- t) SPED - 9080 - Cultivating Leadership Through Coaching and Mentorship of Special Educators
Request: Add
- u) SPED - 9090 - Strategic Design and Impact Analysis in Special Education Systems
Request: Add
- v) SPED - 9998 - Capstone I: Problem of Practice Investigation & Development
Request: Add
- w) SPED - 9999 - Capstone II: Implementation & Impact Analysis
Request: Add

B) University College

- 1) Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service
 - a) Master of Public Administration, M.P.A.

Request: Revise

GPC approved proposal to delete the following program:

A) College of Education

- 1) Department of Educational Technology and Foundations
 - a) Computer Science Endorsement

Request: Delete

I accept this block vote motion.

Committee IV: Faculty Advisory Committee (Levi Ofoe, Chair)

Action Item: *Item below was approved unanimously.*

A) Senior & Principal Lecturer Positions

Request: Vote to Approve

- a) Proposed Changes to the Faculty Handbook

I accept this proposal.