

May 8, 2018

To: Continuous Improvement Committee
Brian Sevier, Dean of the School of Education

From: Geoff Chase, Provost

Re: MA Program in Education Review

I am glad to have received the thoughtful review completed by Dr. Julie Bianchini and Dr. Mira Park of the MA Program in Education. I particularly appreciate the strengths noted in their report:

- The MA in Education has dedicated and knowledgeable faculty, lecturers, and staff.
- Its students recognize and appreciate the rigor and quality of the Program.
- The new Dean and interim AVP of Academic Planning appear supportive of the Program, recognizing the need for additional support and resources.

I am also glad to receive both the short and long-term recommendations the reviewers have provided. I agree that it will be particularly important going forward to provide additional administrative support, and to ensure budgetary transparency.

Finally, both of the long-term recommendations—strengthening and creating partnerships with local schools, and recruiting in the broader community—are also important and directions that I fully support.

In addition to thanking the outside reviewers, I want also to acknowledge the work contributed by Dr. Jeanne Grier and her colleagues for their work and commitment, and for producing such a comprehensive self-study.