

Adopted: January 14, 2020

**ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-885-20

**RESOLUTION ON DISCONTINUATION OF M.A. OF EDUCATION DEGREE
PROGRAM**

- 1 WHEREAS, Cal Poly has a policy on the Discontinuation of Academic Programs, which
2 requires a potentially lengthy review by two separate groups, one
3 representing students, staff, and faculty that are involved in the program,
4 and the other representing students, staff, and faculty that are not involved
5 in the program; and
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- 7 WHEREAS, Cal Poly's School of Education used to offer an M.A. in Education with four
8 specializations; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, In November of 2017 the School of Education, acting in accordance with EO
11 1071, elevated each of its four specializations to separate, stand-alone
12 degree programs, so that students are now admitted to the four individual
13 degree programs, rather than the M.A. in Education; and
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- 15 WHEREAS, The degree is dormant and admissions have been suspended for the past
16 two years; and
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- 18 WHEREAS, The program faculty requested that the M.A. in Education program be
19 discontinued, and that the Director of the School of Education has now
20 formally requested discontinuation; therefore be it
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- 22 RESOLVED: That the M.A. in Education with four specializations be discontinued as of AY
23 2020-21, and be it further
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- 25 RESOLVED: That the discontinuance of the aforementioned program does not establish
26 any criteria or precedent for the discontinuation of any other academic
27 program.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee and
Academic Programs and Planning
Date: January 7, 2020



MEMORANDUM

Monday, November 11, 2019

TO: President Jeffrey Armstrong, Ph.D.

FROM: J. Kevin Taylor, Ph.D.
Director, School of Education

COPIES: Mary Pedersen, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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SUBJECT: School of Education – Master’s Program Elevations

In November of 2017 the School of Education received approval from the Chancellor’s Office to elevate each of our four Master of Arts in Education specializations to separate, stand alone degree programs. The transition has been completed and we now admit students to the four individual degree programs, rather than the Master of Arts in Education with Specializations.

Given that we are now only admitting students to the four new degree programs, I have been asked to **formally request that we discontinue the Master of Arts in Education with four separate specializations**. The faculty in the School of Education associate with the old, and new degrees, have been consulted and in full agreement with this course of action.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require anything further from me in this matter.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Dustin Stegner

Date: January 27, 2020

From: Jeffery D. Armstrong

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Subject: Response to AS-885-20 Resolution on Discontinuation of M.A. of
Education Degree Program

I am pleased to acknowledge and approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.

Please express my appreciation to the Academic Senate members, the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee and the Office of Academic Programs and Planning for their attention to this important curricular matter.