To be adopted:

Proposal for an Undergraduate Minor in Education

PROPOSED:

1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
   a) The Education Minor offers to any undergraduate student an introduction to issues and practices of education and research in public schools. Students from any major are invited to pursue a minor in education.
   b) Students in the Education Minor may select from a variety of courses that may focus on a particular interest or may sample across aspects of the curriculum. Specific areas of interest that are reflected in the course offerings include: Special education, literacy and language, curriculum and teaching strategies, and educational research.
   c) The Education Minor does not lead to a teaching credential, however some of the courses will satisfy UCR credential program requirements. Students who are interested in pursuing a teaching credential should contact GSOE student services at 827-5225.

2. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
   a) The Education Minor consists of the satisfactory completion of 24 units in courses identified for the Education Minor Program. At least 18 units must be completed in upper division courses.
b) All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0

3. COURSE OFFERINGS
   a) The following courses will comprise the menu of electives for the Education Minor: EDUC 100B, EDUC 114, EDUC 116, EDUC 120, EDUC 129, EDUC 130, EDUC 131, EDUC 139, EDUC 172, EDUC 174, EDUC 177A, EDUC 177B.
   b) Additional courses may be added to this list by proposals of academic units, or by petitions of students to take a suitable alternative course. Student petitions require the approval of the program advisor in the Education Minor. Students may not petition to take more than 8 units of courses outside of the identified courses for the Education Minor.

4. PROGRAM ADMISSIONS AND ADMINISTRATION
   a) Students apply to the Education Minor by submitting a UC Riverside “Request to Declare/Drop a Minor” form.
   b) Once approved by the Education Minor Committee, the application goes to the student’s college for approval. Both approvals are required for admission.
   c) The minimum qualifications are:
      (1) Present good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0
      (2) Application filed no later than four quarters before expected graduation
JUSTIFICATION:

The proposed Education Minor provides an opportunity for students to explore educational policy, practice, and research with connections to many other fields of study. The Ad Hoc Committee has consulted extensively with other units at UCR, in particular with the leadership of CHASS and Liberal Studies, and there has been unanimous concurrence that the Education Minor would benefit students in many disciplines. Students in particular will benefit from the ability to explore interests that may result in the pursuit of a career in teaching or research in the social sciences. We welcome the opportunity to support UCR students and add to the wealth of options for our growing undergraduate population.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the faculty of the Graduate School of Education: 11/8/2011
Approved by the Executive Committee of the Graduate School of Education: 11/1/2011
Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: 1/25/2011