To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Education Minor

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3. 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.

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4. COURSE OFFERINGS
a) The following courses will comprise the menu of electives for the Education Minor:
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c) The minimum qualifications are:
(1) Present good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
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b) All courses that candidates may want to use to satisfy the Teacher Credential program requirements must be completed with a minimum grade of “C”. Minor in Education candidates must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

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The proposed Minor in Education amendment broadens the menu of electives which students may elect towards their minor. This new menu provides more opportunity for students to enroll in courses toward their minor and to experience different fields of study in Education. The addition of lower and upper division courses provides opportunity to explore research being done in educational policy, curriculum and teaching strategies, special education, psychology, and literacy and language. The new list consists of eight new courses created specifically for the Education Minor and 8 new courses with discussions; identified with an S: EDUC xxxS. Effective 14W, the following two courses: EDUC 177A and 177B were renumbered to EDUC 175 and 176 respectively. However, we will be keeping EDUC 177A and 177B on the course list for students who took these courses before 14W and their course records were not affected by the renumbering.

To better serve our students, we propose the removal of the minimum grade “C” restriction and instead ask students to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0; this will be more in line within the guidelines of the University. However, courses that candidates may want to use to satisfy the Teacher Credential program requirements must be completed with a minimum grade of “C”.

In most colleges, minor petitions must be filed at least two quarters before graduation. For 2013-14, our college will not be offering any 2-unit upper division Education minor courses. Reducing the minimum upper-division unit program requirement from 18 units to 16 (minimum upper-division unit policy university-wide) will encourage minor workload credit to be fully accepted and absorbed exclusively for the minor.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the Executive Committee of the GSOE: February 3, 2014