



## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**August 9, 2024**

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**ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUSPENSION**

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**REQUEST:** Approval for academic program suspension for the following program: **Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle Grades Education for Initial Certification.**

**FACTS:** The program faculty, in consultation with the Director of the School of Teacher Education and the Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, have decided to suspend this program, which is outdated. A newly revised program, the MAT in Teacher Education for Initial Certification (0495) has taken its place in the teacher education curriculum with a concentration in Middle or Secondary Education. The MAT in Teacher Education for Initial Certification (0495) provides students with the pedagogical knowledge and skills to become highly qualified educators who will apply state-of-the-art, evidence-based, best teaching practices to increase student achievement. Graduates will gain competencies in theory, research, and application of best teaching practices in their respective fields. This newly revised and current program has made the MAT in Middle Grades Education for Initial Certification (0458) redundant.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:** Closing this academic program to new admissions will have minimal impact on the University Budget because the faculty will continue to offer courses in the graduate teacher education programs, including the newly revised program, MAT in Teacher Education for Initial Certification.

**RECOMMENDATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the suspension of the **Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle Grades Education for Initial Certification (0458)** to be implemented Fall 2024.

**MOTION:** Approval to suspend the following program: **Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle Grades Education for Initial Certification (0458)** with implementation in Fall 2024.

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**EMERITUS  
RECOMMENDATION**

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**REQUEST:** Approval of faculty emeritus status for Dr. Harold Little.

**FACTS:** Listed below are faculty members who have been recommended by tenured faculty, department chair/director, and college dean to be awarded emeritus status. All have served the university for at least ten years and have had distinguished records of achievement and service.

***Gordon Ford Business College***

*Dr. Harold Little, Associate Professor of Accounting, Emeritus*

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:** No funds requested.

**RECOMMENDATION:** President Timothy C. Caboni recommends awarding the above individual emeritus status.

**MOTION:** Approval of emeritus status awarded for the recommended individual.