**Special Consideration Item:**

Graduate Council approved the College of Education and Human Development request to delete the Career Development Education doctoral program from the TAMU programs of study.
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To: Dr. Jim Kracht, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
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Reference: Request to delete the Career Development Education doctoral program from
the TAMU programs of study

The Department of Educational Psychology requests removal of the Career Education
doctoral program from the University listing of programs of study for the 2011-12
Academic Year and onward.

The Career Development Education (CDED) doctoral program was for a number of decades
in various departments of the College of Education and Human Development. In one of the
reorganizations of the College it was placed in the Department of Educational Psychology
along with a core group of faculty with expertise and focus on Career Education. In
addition, members of the Counseling Psychology Doctoral and Masters Program in the
department had long participated through coursework, mentoring and supervision of
students, and programmatic development in cooperation with the Career Development
program. In the last decade the primary CDED faculty retired or were deceased. The last
faculty member retired four years ago. Since there were graduate students still in the
process of completing their degrees, we chose not to make any formal request at the time.
In a related change, most of the faculty in the Counseling Psychology program directly
associated with Career Development Education retired in the last few years, leaving only
one faculty member with a direct association with the CDED program courses. Given the
complete absence of faculty with primary expertise in CDED, no students have been
admitted into the CDED program for the last 5 years. We have no current CDED students
still active, and those remaining on our records have exceeded the ten year limit for
doctoral study with no intent to complete their degree.