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To: UH Undergraduate Council

From: Melissa Pierson, Director of Teacher Education, College of Education

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Re: Undergraduate Education Minor for Secondary and All-Level Students

Please find attached our description and rationale for modifications to the Education Minor. It has been approved by the CUIN Undergraduate Studies Committee, the CUIN Faculty, and the COE Undergraduate Studies Committee, according to the following timeline:

**Status:**

- Approved by CUIN Undergraduate Studies 11/15/07.
- Approved by CUIN Faculty 11/15/07.
- Approved by COE Undergraduate Studies 4/17/08
- Presented to UH Undergraduate Council

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Education Minor (2003-2005 UG Catalog)	Proposed Education Minor
EDUC 3205	CUIIN 3313 Information Technology for Adolescents
EDUC 3206 or EDUC 3301	EDUC 3301 Introduction to Teaching
EPSY 3300	EPSY 3300 Educational Psychology
Educational methods courses—as appropriate (6 hours)	Educational methods courses—as appropriate (6 hours)
CUIIN 3347 or equivalent	CUIIN 3347 Reading in the Content Area
	CUIIN 4375 Classroom Management

**Proposal:** The Teacher Education Program proposes to begin using the Education Minor option, already in the Undergraduate Catalog, with very slight modifications:

- EDUC 3205 replaced by CUIIN 3313 Information Technology for Adolescents
- EDUC 3206 removed
- CUIIN 4375 Classroom Management added

The modifications result in a minor that remains at the maximum 21 hours for UH minor degrees.

[Note: This minor does not lead to a recommendation for certification. Students wishing to be certified must meet all benchmarks as outlined in this Education Minor Degree Plan in order to be eligible for QUEST 3, and then further must successfully complete all QUEST 3 requirements.]

**Rationale:** This minor has not been in use for some number of years, but yet remains in the undergraduate catalog. The history of when or why the minor fell into disuse predates everyone consulted at this time.

At present, secondary students interested in teacher certificate are given a “recommend course sequence” that is virtually identical to the Education Minor, yet they do not receive a minor designation on their degree plans.

We presented this proposal to the advisors in our partner colleges, and they unanimously agreed that this would be an ideal option for their students. It allows us to respond to needs of secondary majors to have their education courses noted on their transcripts in a prominent way. The added benchmarks and standard course sequence also facilitates better communication and coordination among students, major advisors, and education advisors.

The slight changes to the Minor have been proposed for the following reasons:

- **EDUC 3205 is replaced by CUIIN 3313 Information Technology for Adolescents:** EDUC 3205 is no longer offered, and the general content is covered in EDUC 3301. CUIIN 3313 is the required technology course that secondary students have been taking for at least 10 years. It allows students to meet technology standards required by the state and by our accrediting agency, including learning to teach effectively with electronic resources and tools and compiling an online standards-based portfolio.
- **EDUC 3206 is removed:** EDUC 3206 is no longer offered. The alternate course on the minor degree plan, EDUC 3301, is offered, and is considered the Introduction to Teaching course for the program.
- **CUIIN 4375 Classroom Management is added:** When this proposal was presented to the CUIIN Undergraduate Studies Committee, members felt strongly that all graduates from our Teacher Education Program must receive a sound base in strategies for successful classroom management. This course is vital to preparing students to take their Professional Pedagogy and Responsibilities exam. At present, not all secondary graduates take this.