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SUBJECT: Proposed EdS in Library Media (Distance Education)

We are writing to request that the following item be reviewed and considered for approval.

Proposal: The College of Education is proposing an EdS in Library Media (Distance Education).

Review and Consultation: The proposed distance education program is being made because 100% of the courses that are required for the traditional EdS program are also available via Distance Education format. Therefore, the possibility exists for students to enroll in a face-toface program and enroll in 100% Distance Education courses. . Since we are required to label students who enroll in 50%+1 courses in a Distance Education format to be counted and tracked as being enrolled in a Distance Education program, we must have a Distance Education program in which to enroll them. This program (EdS Library Media) already exists on campus and the creation of the Distance Education version will bring it into alignment with the corresponding Master's level program (also available as a Distance Education program) as well as State requirements for reporting and tracking.

The program does not differ in content from the existing, on-campus EdS in Library Media; the proposed program simply extends the program's scope to include offering via Distance Education. The proposed degree program would be listed under CIP 13.0101, which currently houses the existing EdS in Library Meida.

The proposal was reviewed by Auburn University's Graduate Council, and received its approval in February 2016.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the proposed EdS Program in Library Media be approved.