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To: Dr. Frank James, Vice President for Academic Affairs
From: Jesse Hargrove, Chair of the Division of Education
RE: Review and Revision of Curricula

The Division of Education has suggested no changes to its curriculum in the Teacher Education majors until the Arkansas Department of Education decides on its competencies standards in March/April 2012. When the institutions of higher Education receive the competencies, the Teacher Education Programs at Philander Smith College will comply with the state to change its curriculum to convert from its Early Childhood (P-4) program to the new Kindergarten-6 Grade Program. There will be changes in the curriculum to reflect the new standards required for K-6 teachers.

In addition to the K-6 Grade program, the current Vocational/Business Education Program (VOBT 7-12 Grades) will require curricula revisions for the newly added grades to the VOBT Program (4-12 Grades). The MCEA Program has no curricula changes at this time.

The Non-Licensure program in Physical Education will recommend curricula changes for the Exceptional Learner. These are changes to strengthen the programs within the Division of Education.

Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to submit changes and recommendations for the improvement of Education majors