Basic Programs Committee:
Electronic Discussion between committee December and January, 2004 (due to break)

Department of Physical Education Change Requested

Drop the one credit requirement of EDRD 500 (1 hour) from the required course list for the Master of Arts Degree in Physical Education.

Justification
This course has typically been taken by students during the semester when they are student teaching and they are involved in full time teaching at an elementary (1/2 semester) and a secondary (1/2 semester) school. The course has been difficult to schedule around other duties during this important practicum experience and we have been more successful incorporating topics related to the content of this course into other existing courses throughout the program. Our accreditation guidelines do not require a formal course with the content or designation involved with reading.

Bulletin Change Requested
Graduate Course Requirements: PEDU 510, 515, 520, 710, 722, 729, 730, 750, 778A, and 778B (36 hours); EDPY (6 hours); EDFN (3 hours); and EDRD 500 (1 hour).

Proposed Wording
Graduate Course Requirements: PEDU 510, 515, 520, 710, 722, 729, 730, 750, 778A, and 778B (36 hours); EDPY (6 hours); EDFN (3 hours); and EDRD 500 (1 hour).

Support from ITE:
ITE supports the deletion of EDRD 500 as a required course in initial certification programs for PE and Art Education. The course is does not fulfill any NCATE expectation in either program and is not longer necessary. ITE will no longer offer the course.

Ed Dickey, Chair
Department of Instruction and Teacher Education

BPGC Committee Electronic Discussion:
“I don't have any particular objection to the proposal. I do think it important that things like reading be integrated into to all areas of the school curriculum. So, Phys. Ed. students having some formal contact with the "hows" of incorporating reading into their instructional activities makes sense to me. If they get it in others ways besides this course, then thats ok with me.
Since PE accreditation does not require this course (and I don't remember EDRD 500 being offered lately), I am inclined to support their request. I contacted Diane Stephens and she is also in support of this request. In addition, I understand that Ed Dickey supported this position.

**Committee members electronically voted in support of the proposal.**

Committee member participating in discussion:

Eva Valdocz  
Amy Donnelly  
Ed Cox  
Bud Hult  
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Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Wissick, Chair