MEMORANDUM

March 16, 2010

TO: Committee on Academic Programs

FROM: William J. Behre, Dean School of Education

RE: Academic Program Closure, MEd Educational Technology

I write to recommend the discontinuation of the MEd program in Educational Technology and request CAP review and response. In accordance with the Program Closure guidelines in the TCNJ Policy Manual, I have met with the chair of Special Education, Language, and Literacy. I have also communicated via memorandum on November 15, 2010. In response, the chair has indicated that no full-time faculty will be displaced by this closure.

The factors leading to this recommendation to discontinue the program include the following:

- Diminished faculty interest in continuing the program combined with inadequate full-time faculty expertise in key areas of the program;
- The likelihood that with current faculty the program will not be reaccredited;
- A desire to strategically marshal resources towards other programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

11/15/09

TO:

Amy Dell, Chair, Special Education Language and Literacy & Coordinator, Educational

Technology Program

FROM:

Bill Behre, Dean School of Education

RE:

Academic Program Closure MEd Educational Technology

I am formally recommending closure of the above graduate option. You and I have discussed this plan on multiple occasions.

I am making this recommendation based primarily on two factors

- 1. There is currently insufficient faculty to maintain the academic quality of he program;
- 2. Given this insufficiency of faculty, it is likely that the program could not maintain accreditation.

In accordance with the College process for closure of academic programs, available at http://www.tcnj.edu/~academic/policy/programclosure.html, I am initiating the formal process for closure with this memorandum. The next step is a response from the department with a detailed plan for the future role of faculty and staff affected by this change. You will note that the department response and the dean's recommendation are submitted to the Committee on Academic Programs. Following that review process and outcome, current students will be notified.

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Re: Ed tech program closure

Thu Nov 19 13:08:34 2009

From: dellamy@tcnj.edu
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Bill--

Courses unique to the Ed Tech program have been taught exclusively by adjunct instructors. Therefore, closure of the Ed Tech program will not cause any faculty member to be under load or at risk of losing a job.

- Amy

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Amy:

Please see the attached document -- I'm getting the formal procedure started.

Bill

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