




April 26, 2019

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Paul Lyons, Chair   
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Proposed New Minor in Athletic Leadership

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the Graduate School of Education's proposal for a new minor in Athletic Leadership at their April 12, 2019 meeting and had several significant concerns with the proposal.

The Committee recommends that the School update the proposal to include the pedagogical focus of the minor as it was not clear how the minor will benefit students in future careers.

The Committee noted concern with the lack of broad support for the proposed minor from internal and external groups as only one internal letter of support and one external letter of support were included in the proposal. The Committee recommends that the School include additional letters of support from external groups and internal groups at UCR such as academic programs that have leadership programs.

The Committee recommends that the School consider establishing the minor as an interdisciplinary program as the curriculum of the program includes areas from across disciplines. Additionally, the Committee noted concern that the letter of support from the School of Business Executive Committee notes that the proposed minor's curriculum includes BUS 156, however, the proposed curriculum only includes BUS 107. The Committee requests that the proposal clarify if BUS 156 should be included in the curriculum as well.

Lastly, the Committee noted concern that one GSOE faculty member will be instructing four of the five required courses and the burden that this will place on the faculty member. Concern was also noted about the program's legacy if the faculty member were to go on leave or leave the University. The Committee recommends that the proposal be updated to include a plan for who will instruct the required courses for the program in these scenarios. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the proposal include a discussion of additional faculty support for the proposed minor so that it is not reliant on one faculty member.