PROPOSAL: Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Development

Background

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of the Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Development. This program consists of at least 45 credit-hours of coursework approved by the faculty program coordinator with at least 30 of these credit-hours taken from courses taught by departments within the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD). This program is designed for students who find, near the end of their college careers, that they cannot complete their current major. Data included within the proposal show that WMU is currently losing these students before they graduate, and this is a mechanism by which we can help these students complete a degree. Although this program is similar to the University Studies degree provided by Extended University Programs, advisors within the College of Education and Human Development report that students would prefer to graduate from the college from which they identify (CEHD) and with a degree whose title better reflects their coursework. The proposal includes a letter of support from Dr. Edwin Martini, Interim Associate Provost for Extended University Programs.

Recommended Action

Create the Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Development.