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Beth Doyle, Principal Assistant

From: Greg Crouch, Graduate School

Date: February 3, 2026

RE: Recommendations from the Graduate Studies Committee

Overview:

The Graduate Studies Committee met on February 3, 2026 and voted to recommend the following three items:

1. Rename PhD Individual Interdisciplinary to PhD Interdisciplinary Studies
2. Plan updates from the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences
 - a. Add new academic plans to distinguish a Teaching Endorsement track within the existing Ed.M. in Special Education program
 - b. Rename plan Administrative Credential to Principal or Program Administrator Certificate and create a new plan called Superintendent Certificate
 - c. Correct an error by creating a non-thesis plan option within the existing MA in Language, Literacy, and Technology. Non-thesis and thesis plans are typically created when the degree is approved, allowing the program to determine if they admit into one or both.
3. College of Nursing update to discontinue plans that have not seen enrollment in several years or that will no longer admit students into those plans. In the case of current enrollment, this change does not impact students. This change completes the restructuring of the nursing program to focus on Nurse Educator and Systems Leadership passed by the WSU Faculty Senate on February 13, 2025.

Attached Exhibits

1. Rename PhD Individual Interdisciplinary to PhD Interdisciplinary Studies – Provost Support Memo
2. Rename PhD Individual Interdisciplinary to PhD Interdisciplinary Studies – Proposal
3. College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences – memo
4. College of Nursing – memo

Recommended Effective Date: Fall 2026