

Recommendation for the Removal of a Technical Stipulation

University of California, Berkeley

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The regularly scheduled accreditation visit to the University of California took place April 25- 28, 1999. Just prior to the visit, as part of the final preparations by the Commission consultant, it came to light that designated subjects credential programs in adult and vocational education, housed outside the Graduate School of Education in University Extension, had not been included in the university's review preparations. The visit went forward as planned, although no accreditation decision was made at the time. A second visit by a specialized review team in designated subjects took place October 4 – 6, 2000. This team was joined by members of the original team for accreditation decision-making on October 6, 2000. The team recommended, and the Committee on Accreditation adopted on October 28, 2000, Accreditation with a Technical Stipulation.

The stipulation was *“The Institution must provide evidence of continued efforts to improve cohesiveness of leadership and coordination across all credential programs, especially as related to Common Standards One and Four.”*

Since that time, the Dean of Education in the Graduate School of Education and fellow Deans in University Extension and the School of Social Welfare have established new mechanisms and expanded existing ones to coordinate leadership across credential programs. A Professional Development Advisory Committee, with representatives from each school has been established and now meets regularly.

The membership of the Teacher Education Committee (TEC) has been expanded to include all teacher preparation program coordinators, the credential analyst and major administrators, including the new head of the Evaluation Unit, and its leadership has been restructured. In the new design, the Director of Teacher Education from University Extension participates on the TEC, and the Dean of the Graduate School of Education is a member of the Advisory Board for the University Extension Education Department. The position of Coordinator of Teacher Education has been more clearly defined and a national search for a permanent appointment has just closed.

The Evaluation Unit has been reorganized, and a new director and an evaluation specialist have been appointed. A program evaluation sub-committee of the TEC has been established to work with the Evaluation Unit, and a systemic approach to evaluating credential programs is being developed. Under the leadership of the Professional Development Advisory Committee, an across unit systemic approach to program evaluation for the Graduate School of Education, School of Social Welfare and University Extension is under development as well.

It is clear from the above actions that the University of California, Berkeley has taken necessary steps to meet the stipulation. Each concern expressed by the review team has

been directly addressed. For these reasons, it is the recommendation of staff that the stipulation be removed, and the status of the institution be “Accreditation.”