TO: University Curriculum Committee
FROM: College of Education
RE: New Teaching Minor
DATE: March 5, 2014

The College of Education is requesting university approval of a new teaching endorsement.

Online Teaching

EDCI 581  Theoretical Foundations of Online Learning (3 cr)
EDCI 582  Online Course Design (3 cr)
EDCI 483  Open Education (3 cr)
EDCI 595  Practicum in Online Learning (3 cr)

Rationale:
As more teaching is moved to online and hybrid settings, it is essential that the Idaho teacher workforce is prepared to effectively teach online, and as a major preparer of Idaho teachers, the University of Idaho can greatly increase the online teaching competency of Idaho’s teacher workforce by implementing this program of study as an initial endorsement area for teacher education students or as an add-on endorsement area to practicing teachers.

This program of study would consist of four (4) three-credit hour Master’s level courses targeted at senior-level teacher education students and practicing teachers, which would address all necessary standards within a 12-credit hour program. By keeping the endorsement to 12-credit hours, students would be allowed to both complete the endorsement while enrolled as undergraduates (with senior status) and to apply coursework to a Master’s degree if desired.

Through these courses, students will build and demonstrate necessary knowledge, dispositions, and skills as aligned with the Idaho Standards for Online Teachers, and successful completion will exemplify their ability to teach effectively in online settings.