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Re: SC028307 – Program Closure – EdD in Educational Leadership – Request for Additional Information

Dear Kevin,

Please find the additional requested information regarding SC028307 below.

1. Please provide a description of how prospective students were/will be notified of the closure.

The EdD program in Educational Leadership was designed and approved as an online-only program. The temporary face-to-face code (campus-based code) was established solely to accommodate any prospective transfers from other programs. In instances where prospective students inquired about the program, they were directed to the online program. However, this redirection proved unnecessary as all enrolled students had been participating in the distance education program.

2. Please provide a description of how the institutional community, including applicants to the program, recruiters, and admissions staff were informed of the program closure.

On February 17, 2022, the Graduate Council approved the closure of the EdD program in Educational Leadership at the Knoxville campus. All faculty members and staff, including the department's director of graduate studies, were advised to inform applicants to apply to the online EdD program in Educational Leadership, emphasizing its benefits and structure.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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