**Report from BLP, Certificate of Advanced Study in Leadership in Middle Level Education (COEHHS, SOE)**

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The budget and Long Range Planning Committee (BLP) has reviewed the proposed Certificate of Advanced Study in Leadership in Middle Level Education as well as the resource implications. We thank proposers Erika Daniels and Janet McDaniel for their input and assistance as we reviewed the program’s resource implications.

At present, practicing teachers have no options for developing their middle level expertise past he credential level because there are no masters programs specifically geared toward this age level. The proposed program is comprised of 4 courses (12 units) that would become a focus area within the current Masters in Education – General Option and would be launched stateside.

**Program Demand:**

As the only middle level education preparation credential in the state of California, the graduates from the credential program over the last 20 years would be the pipe line for students interested in this program.

**Resource Implications:**

Current faculty in the Middle Level Credential Program are adequate to teach the four courses, which are planned to be offered on a bi-annual rotation once a cohort of 15 students have been recruited. Since graduate classes are offered in the evenings during underutilized times, there is currently sufficient space for the one class per semester. If space were to become an issue, the Middle Level Program has a dedicated building at Woodland Park Middle School that could be used. Library and technology resources are currently sufficient. However, the campus has lost computer labs and library costs increase incrementally with student growth. Academic Affairs and the University Budget Committee will need to monitor technology and library cost increases for all programs to ensure adequate resources and support.

**Recommendation:**

BLP unanimously recommends approval of the Program in Middle Level Teacher Leader Certificate in the M.A. Education Option.