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Darden College of Education and Professional Studies

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**MEMORANDUM**

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Date: March 11, 2024

To: Dr. Austin Agho, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Dr. Tammi Dice, Dean, Darden College of Education and Professional Studies 

Cc: Dr. Brian Payne, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Xihe Zhu, Dept Chairperson, Human Movement Studies & Special Educ. Dept.

Re: Program Closure

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Over the last several years, enrollment in the Master of Science (MS) in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Studies has remained low. Averaging just six FTE and four graduates over the past five years, the program is well below the minimum expectations set by SCHEV for the program (e.g., SCHEV expects a minimum of 20 FTE and 7 graduates a year). We have also been unable to recruit and retain faculty to teach in the program. In fact, at this point there are no faculty assigned to the program.

After discussing this with department faculty and the department chair, I am recommending that the program be closed. No faculty will be affected by this closure.”

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