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- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Del Brumley to

Ana Diaz, Philosophy, noted that these changes delete courses they no longer offer and add some that are closer to her expertise. The cou

Janet Alberson and Bonnie Graham stated that these changes are to meet new State requirements for Early Childhood. Early Childhood will be a standalone licensure. The Montana Legislature moved very fast on this issue, but if funding falls apart for the program, we will still want to keep these program changes. All the Early Childhood courses are offered online, so the A.A. in Education will also be entirely online, which is a great recruiting tool. As for staffing, there are four faculty in the Department that have Early Childhood expertise, so the load will be distributed among them.

A question was raised regarding EDEC 130 Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood: Why is the course not being taught by the Department of Health and Human Performance, like it is in other Ed programs? It was responded that Education contacted the Department of Health and Human Performance about the health & safety course and were instructed to go ahead with the course.

- Motion carried.

Second reading will be held until the next meeting, when the program changes will be presented.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEM

The idea of presenting two types of items to the Senate, consent and action, was discussed with the Chair of Senate, but no recommendation either way was offered. The UCC may always bring a proposal to the Senate. There are Senators who would be interested in this proposal.

It was cited that we as a university are sending the wrong message to faculty members having to present their very simple changes to committees over and over again. By not having the UCC's work accepted further up the line, it makes the UCC entirely redundant.

Making the distinction for the Senate between simple and complex proposals is the key to a new policy.

The meeting adjourned 5:08 p.m.

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