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TO:      Dr. Bonnie Konopak, Chair  
         Department of Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum

FROM:    William O. Ray  
         Associate Dean

DATE:    September 13, 1994

SUBJECT: Graduate Faculty Criteria

I am writing to inform you that the Graduate Faculty Criteria for your program have been approved. Attached please find a worksheet which summarizes the newly approved criteria. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

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Attachment

cc:      Dean Fred Wood
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Date Approved: 12 Sep 94

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eddie Smith
FROM: Fred H. Wood, Dean
      College of Education
SUBJ: Graduate Faculty Criteria
DATE: November 23, 1993

Attached you will find revised graduate faculty criteria for the Department of Instructional
Leadership and Academic Curriculum. The material was reviewed and approved by the
Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum faculty on October 22, 1993. We are
submitting that criteria and the criteria worksheet to you for approval. We are hopeful that
this criteria can go into effect January 1, 1994.

You will note in the signing of the check sheet that Dr. Marek's signature is not available.
Dr. Marek was present when the criteria and check sheet were developed, however, he was
not available at the time that we signed this form. Since three of the four members of the
department graduate faculty committee have signed, I thought it best to forward this
materials to you. If you have any questions about Dr. Marek's signature, please feel free to
contact me.

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cc: Bill Ray

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### Graduate Faculty Criteria Worksheet

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FROM: Freda H. Wood
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DATE: January 3, 1989

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/s

c: Paul Kleine
DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

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