Standard 6 Addendum

Standard 6: Unit Governance and Resources
The unit has the leadership, authority, budget, personnel, facilities, and resources, including information technology resources, for the preparation of candidates to meet professional, state, and institutional standards.

6.4 Areas of concern related to continuing to meet the Standard
1. There is a lack of stability and continuity of leadership at the departmental level.

Rationale: Evidence presented indicates all departments in the College of Education have interim chair positions. This raises concerns about leadership coherence in program planning, delivery, and operation.

Response: The leadership positions at the department level were filled by highly qualified interim chairpersons because of the retirement of two individuals and a leadership change in two departments. All of the interim department chairs are long time faculty members in the Unit. Employment Exception Requests (EER) have been submitted to fill the positions in Educational Administration and Foundations and in Curriculum and Instruction. The University administration has provided support for the request. Once approved, the positions will be posted and a national search will be done to identify permanent chairpersons.