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UC, CSU settle dispute over education doctorate

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California State University and the University of California have headed off a nasty battle by agreeing to offer joint education doctorates.

Although the state's 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education gives UC the more prestigious role of awarding doctoral degrees and designates teaching as the mission for CSU, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed had asked the state Legislature for permission to offer an education doctorate.

UC President Richard Atkinson vehemently opposed the move, saying there wasn't a demand for a greatly expanded program.

But Reed argued that the 23-

campus CSU, which trains 60 percent of the state's teachers and half of its school administrators, is better equipped than UC to offer the education doctorate. In addition, providing the education doctorate at CSU campuses would open the opportunity to a more diverse class of students, including working professionals.

Under the new agreement, CSU will drop its legislative efforts, and UC has agreed to work with its campuses to set up joint UC-CSU degrees across the state. Graduates will be granted a degree that lists both institutions.

Each institution put in \$2 million to get the programs started and will seek permanent funding from the Legislature.

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