WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION
Request for Approval to terminate select academic degree programs:
   a) (13.1011) EdD of Specified Learning Disabilities
   b) (51.0000) Bachelors of Health Science
   c) (42.1601) BA Social Psychology
   d) (13.1302) MAT Visual Arts and Art History

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
As part of a comprehensive review of the efficiency and productivity of academic programs at Florida Atlantic University, the Office of the University Provost worked with each college to identify programs which no longer justify the cost of instruction on the basis of enrollment, demand, centrality to the mission of the university, or which no longer meet the needs of the citizens of Florida by providing a viable educational or occupational objective. The four programs listed above no longer satisfy these criteria and after careful review by all appropriate elements of the university administration and university faculty governance, they are hereby recommended for termination.

At the present time there are no students enrolled in two of these programs. One student is currently enrolled in the MAT in Visual Arts and Art History and she will be provided full opportunity to complete her program in a timely manner. One student enrolled in Social Psychology elected to change major to a B.A. in Psychology.

In each case the termination of these degree programs will have no adverse effect on associated faculty members.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE
Upon approval by the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees.
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommended actions are part of an effort to remove inefficient or non-productive programs from the university degree inventory. Since these programs no longer meet student needs they essentially have no current enrollment and are not drawing faculty and other resources.

Supporting Documentation: Executive Summaries
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Item AS: A-1 (a)

Academic Program Termination

College of Education
CIP 13.1011  Ed of Specified Learning Disabilities Doctorate
Florida Atlantic University Regulation 3.003  (April 1, 2009)

(2) (B)  As part of this assessment, Dashboard Indicators may highlight the need for an assessment of the continued viability of a degree program.  Indicators may include:

1. Enrollments are no longer sufficient to justify the cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment; or the program duplicates other offerings at the university.

2. The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, or is no longer aligned with the strategic goals of the Board of Governors.

3. The program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida in providing a viable educational or occupational objective.

RESPONSE: There were no enrollments or degree records in the College of Education with this CIP code during the 2004-05 to 2008-09 periods (source: IEA). Therefore, enrollments are no longer sufficient. In addition, the program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, and the program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida.

It is noted that students in any doctoral program in Exceptional Student Education now enroll in the broader degree program (EXST 13.1001) which is active, reduces program redundancy, and accommodates students from the multiple specialty programs.

(2)(C) Based on this assessment, the dean and the department will develop an action plan as follows:

2. A plan to terminate the program, with concrete proposals to accommodate students and faculty currently in the program.

RESPONSE: There are no students in the program so no proposal is needed.
Item AS: A-1 (b)

Academic Program Termination

College of Education

CIP 51.0000 Health Science Bachelors

Florida Atlantic University Regulation 3.003 (April 1, 2009)

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1. Enrollments are no longer sufficient to justify the cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment; or the program duplicates other offerings at the university.

2. The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, or is no longer aligned with the strategic goals of the Board of Governors.

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RESPONSE: There were no enrollments or degree records in the College of Education with this CIP code during the 2004-05 to 2008-09 periods (source: IEA). Therefore, enrollments are no longer sufficient. In addition, the program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, and the program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida.

It is noted that during 2005-06 and 2006-07, the 51.0000 code was used on data files that FAU reported to the BOG to code “pre-health professions” students. Pre-health professions is not a degree program. It is a “holding” major in the College of Science for pre-med or pre-professional students until they declare a major in one of the science disciplines that does offer a degree. Use of the 51.0000 code stopped in 2007-08 and the code is no longer being used.

(2)(C) Based on this assessment, the dean and the department will develop an action plan as follows:

2. A plan to terminate the program, with concrete proposals to accommodate students and faculty currently in the program.

RESPONSE: There are no students in the program so no proposal is needed.
Item AS: A-1 (c)

Termination of BA in Social Psychology (CIP 42.1601)

The following reasons may be given for consideration of termination of an academic degree program:

1. Enrollments are no longer sufficient to justify the cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment; or the program duplicates other offerings at the university.
2. The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, or is no longer aligned with the strategic goals of the Board of Governors.
3. The program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida in providing a viable educational or occupational objective.

Justification for termination:

In 2007-2008, 3 degrees in Social Psychology were awarded. In 2008-2009, 2 degrees were awarded.

1. The description of the degree program has not appeared in the University catalog since the 2005-2006 academic year. No new students were admitted to this program. All were directed into the BA in Psychology degree program.
2. Students will not be disadvantaged and will be eligible to complete the BA in Psychology.
3. The Social Psychology degree program was inherited from the College of Social Science when Psychology and Social Psychology were merged. Of the 3 faculty who came to Science as part of this merger, none remain on the psychology faculty. No faculty will be impacted by the termination of this degree.

Enrollments in this major are no longer sufficient to maintain the degree. There is currently 1 student classified as SOCP. She is taking courses consistent with the BA Psychology degree and she plans to pursue that major. She has been informed that the social psychology degree program is terminating in Spring 2010. Two other students classified with this major broke enrollment for over 1 year and are no longer eligible to be classified as SOCP. The Department of Psychology is working with the students to pursue the Psychology degree program and will make appropriate substitutions so as not to disadvantage the student.

In addition, the program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, and the program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida. These goals can be met with the B.A. in Psychology. The Social Psychology degree has considerable overlap with the BA in Psychology (Social Psychology Track). There are a number of social psychology courses that will continue to be offered and can be taken as electives in the BA Psychology.
Item AS: A-1 (d)
Department of Visual Arts and Art History
Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) (CIP 13.1302)

Plan to Terminate Program

The Department of Visual Arts and Art History in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters proposes the termination of the Master of Art in Teaching (M.A.T) graduate program. The program is not sustainable due to consistently low enrollment.

Accommodating current M.A.T students:
There is one student currently enrolled in the M.A.T program for the 2009/2010 academic year. This student will be able to complete her degree and will have full access to the 5000 and 6000 level courses offered through the Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A) in the Visual Arts graduate program. This program is also housed in the Department of Visual Arts and Art History. The M.A.T. and M.F.A programs have always shared course curriculum. Any additional course work can be completed as Directed Independent Study projects in consult with specific faculty members.

Accommodating M.A.T. faculty members:
The termination of the M.A.T program will not affect any faculty members. The M.A.T program has never employed a faculty line.

Impact statement:
The termination of the M.A.T program will not have a negative impact on the female to male ratio of students in the Department, College and/or University. Nor will the termination of the M.A.T program negatively impact ethnic diversity within the faculty or student body. This statement is qualified by the historically low enrollment in this program.

Masters in Art, Teaching (M.A.T) enrollment statistics:
Fall 2006: 1
Spring 2007: 1

Fall 2007: 2
Spring 2008: 1

Fall 2008: 1
Spring 2009: 1