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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

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Supporting Documentation: Program Termination Form

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Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

UNIVERSITY: ______Florida Atlantic University____

PROGRAM NAME: __German MA________________________

DEGREE LEVEL(S): MA__________ CIP CODE: __160501__________
(Ph.D., Ed.D., etc) (Classification of Instructional Programs)

ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE: ______July 1, 2011___________
(Last date that students will be accepted into program)

ANTICIPATED PHASE-OUT DATE: _____immediately____
(Last date that data will be submitted for this program)

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1. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.

The Faculty of the Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature agree that this graduate degree is no longer viable due to the following reasons. The German MA program has not been active for many years. Effectively, it was dormant. Most students interested in pursuing the study of German literature can do so through our Comparative Literature MA degree.

2. Indicate on which campus(es) the program is being offered and the extent to which the proposed termination has had or will have an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, and/or the reallocation of resources.

Boca Raton campus. No impact since the degree has been dormant for many years.

3. Provide an explanation of the manner in which the University intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program?

N/A since there were no students in the program.
4. Provide data (and cite source) on the gender and racial distribution of students and faculty. For faculty also list the rank and tenure status of all affected individuals.

N/A

5. Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students.

N/A

Signature of Requestor/Initiator  2-1-12  
Signature of Campus EO Officer  2-20-12  
Signature of College Dean  2-14-12  
Signature of Vice President for Academic Affairs  4/10/12  

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