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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Thursday, April 19, 2012

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TERMINATION OF THE MASTER OF
ARTS IN GERMAN (16.0501).**

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Request the approval of termination of the Master of Arts in German (16.0501).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Office of the University Provost has always 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. In addition, last year, FAU participated in an initiative of the Florida Board of Governors and the Council of Academic Vice Presidents on Articulation, Coordination and Coherence of Academic Delivery across the State University System. The M.A. degree in German was one degree identified as having low degree productivity over a five-year period.

The faculty of the Department of Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature have discussed the future of the M.A. in German for several years. There are currently no students in the program. Students interested in pursuing the study of German literature can do so through the M.A. in Comparative Literature. There are no faculty assigned to teach solely in this program. The termination of this degree program will have no adverse effect on students or associated faculty members.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Effective immediately 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 degree 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, very modest savings may be expected.

Supporting Documentation:

Program Termination Form

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PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM
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)

This is the form to be used for university requests to terminate doctoral degree programs and is recommended for use when terminating other programs. The request should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for approval. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master's degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012 (3), with notification sent to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT in approving termination.

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.

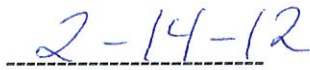
N/A

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



Date



Signature of Campus EO Officer



Date



Signature of College Dean



Date



Signature of Vice President for Academic Affairs



Date