



Item: AS: A-1c

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012

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

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of the 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.