The Department of English has voted to eliminate the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. There are several reasons for this decision: 1) the program has attracted a low number of students (in the past 6 years, we have only graduated 3 MAT students and there is only one student currently in the program). 2) the reasons for the inception of this program are no longer relevant and 3) many MAT students, despite warning to the contrary, believe that the degree grants them a teaching certification which it does not.

Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

F.W. programchangeGrad—Revised November 2012
The Department of Teaching and Learning does not have any conflicts nor concerns.

Best wishes,

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See below.

From: Sika Dagbovie-Mullins
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Dear Professor Ridener,

I am Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of English. Our department has recently voted to eliminate our Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, a program that was originally developed on the Davie campus when Davie was a separate college and faculty could only participate in the Boca MA program by invitation.

In short, the MAT program is no longer relevant and we are ending it. I submitted this program change request to the Graduate Programs Committee and they suggested that I obtain and email from the College of Education supporting this change. While this change does not affect the College of Ed in any way (we’ve only had a handful of students in the past 5 years), the committee still thought I should include your email as the request moves up to other committees.

Thanks,
Sika Dagbovie-Mullins

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English MAT termination Addendum

The Department of English currently has one MAT student enrolled; he is hoping to graduate in Fall 2016. The student will continue his coursework this semester and will either complete his thesis or take the exam option in Fall 16. Because the MAT requirements did not substantially differ from the MA requirements, this student will be able to continue his path without any problems and either write a thesis or take his exam.