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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Diverse Children's Literature for a Global Society will be an agenda item for the April 21, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: February 2, 2023

School/College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department/Division: Language and Literacy Education

Program (Major and Degree): Graduate Certificate in Diverse Children's Literature for a Global Society

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2023

Last date students will be admitted to this program: No students are enrolled in the certificate program

Last date students will graduate from this program: No students are enrolled in the certificate program

Program Abstract:

The Graduate Certificate in Diverse Children's Literature for a Global Society was created in 2013 to provide an accessible program for teachers who wished to pursue advanced preparation in children's literature with a specific focus on cultural diversity. The certificate was designed to provide professionals in various fields associated with children's literature the opportunity to deepen their knowledge about children's literature and enable the participants to better understand the current and developing trends as it becomes part of a technologically-enriched society.

1. State the reasons for terminating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.

This proposal is to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Diverse Children's Literature for a Global Society, which was previously deactivated. The certificate was approved for summer 2015 but due to limited human resources resulting from unexpected departures and retirements, admissions to the certificate never opened. The faculty are now interested in pursuing the creation of a minor instead, as exposure to this certificate's content prior to completion of an initial educator preparation program could advantage graduates in qualifications for employment.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

The certificate never enrolled any students, and departmental faculty and staff will turn toward the creation of a minor and support for other undergraduate and graduate programs across the unit.

3. What will be done to ensure that termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

The program was never offered, so there is no resultant impact on other programs.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Terminate the Graduate Certificate in Diverse Children's Literature for a Global Society

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Language and Literacy Education

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2023

Approvals:

- Language and Literacy Education department head, Dr. Allison Nealy, 2/2/23
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 2/16/23
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/2/23
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 4/6/23