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MEMORANDUM

November 18, 2009

To: C. D. Mote, Jr.
From: Elise Miller-Hooks
Chair of the University Senate
Subject: Approval of the PCC Proposal to Discontinue the M.A. in
Comparative Literature
Senate Document Number 09-10-19


I am pleased to forward for your consideration the attached proposal entitled, "Proposal to Discontinue the M.A. in Comparative Literature." The proposal was presented by Alex Chen, Chair of the Programs, Curricula and Courses Committee. The University Senate approved the proposed at its November 12, 2009 meeting.

We request that you inform the Senate Office of your decision as well as any subsequent action related to your conclusion.

Enclosure: Approval of the PCC Proposal to Discontinue the M.A. in
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cc: Nariman Farvardin, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
Reka Montfort, Executive Secretary and Director, University Senate
Ellin Scholnick, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Terry Roach, Executive Assistant to the President
Janet Turnbull, President's Legal Office
Elizabeth Beise, Interim Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs

Approved: 
C. D. Mote, Jr.
President

Date: 11/19/09



University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

Senate Document #:	09-10-19
PCC ID #:	09012
Title:	Discontinue the suspended M.A. in Comparative Literature
Presenter:	Alex Chen, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee
Date of SEC Review:	10/29/09
Date of Senate Review:	11/12/09
Voting (highlight one):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or 2. In a single vote 3. To endorse entire report
Statement of Issue:	<p>The M.A. in Comparative Literature was suspended in 2007 when the new Ph.D. was instituted as part of the merger of the Comparative Literature Program into the English Department. This action represents completion of the process to discontinue the program. No M.A. students remain in the program. Six doctoral students who were in the program prior to merger completed their M.A. degrees and are nearing completion of the CMLT Ph.D. Applicants to the Ph.D. program are now expected to have completed an M.A. in an appropriate program prior to entry into the CMLT doctoral program.</p>
Relevant Policy # & URL:	
Recommendation:	
Committee Work:	<p>The Committee considered the proposal at its meeting on Oct 16, prior to successful review by the Graduate Programs Curriculum Committee (Grad PCC). Beth Loizeaux and Zita Nunes were present to answer questions. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval.</p>
Alternatives:	<p>The Senate could decline to approve the program termination.</p>
Risks:	<p>If the Senate does not approve the change, the program will remain on the state's program inventory but will have no students in it.</p>
Financial Implications:	<p>There are no financial implications.</p>

Further Approvals Required: <i>(*Important for PCC Items)</i>	Senate, President, and notification to Chancellor and MHEC

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL**

DIRECTIONS:

- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for **each** proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED 8 July 2009

PCC LOG NO. 09012

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DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM Comparative Literature MA Program

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD DELETE X CHANGE

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide **old** and **new** sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Convert suspension of MA program into discontinuation of MA program

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

The MA program was suspended when the new PhD was instituted. We are now completing the process and formally discontinuing the MA.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair Zita Nunes *Zita Nunes* 8 July 2009
2. Department Chair Paul Cartwright *Paul Cartwright* 7/14/09
3. College/School PCC Chair _____
4. Dean Elizabeth Lorraine *Elizabeth Lorraine* 8/1/09
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) Alicia *Alicia* 10/8/09
6. Chair, Senate PCC Alicia *Alicia* 10/16/2009
7. Chair of Senate _____
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost _____

In Spring 2007, the Comparative Literature Program merged with the English Department and completed its transformation from a six-year combined M.A./Ph.D. program (with the option of a terminal M.A.) to a 4-year Ph.D. program. At the time of the merger, no M.A. student remained in the program. Pre-merger students were allowed to finish their degrees according to the guidelines of the old program. Six pre-merger students, who have complete M.A. degrees, remain in the pipeline; all are nearing completion of the Ph.D. Applicants are now expected to have completed an M.A. before beginning the CMLT Ph.D. program. If an extraordinary B.A. student applies to the CMLT Ph.D. program, she or he will be directed to the appropriate M.A. program and efforts will be made to coordinate the admissions and funding. This approach was used successfully to recruit a CMLT flagship fellow, who entered in Fall 2009 as an English M.A.