



The University of Georgia

Office of the President

February 27, 2009

Erroll B. Davis, Jr., Chancellor
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
270 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Chancellor Davis:

Attached for consideration by the Board of Regents is a proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to terminate the major in English under the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.).

Sincerely,

Michael F. Adams
President

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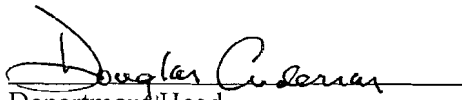
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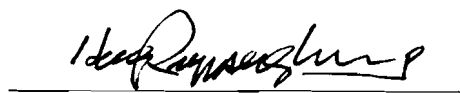
cc: Dr. Marci Middleton
Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
Professor Jere W. Morehead
Dr. Garnett S. Stokes


Petition to Terminate the Graduate Degree of Master of Arts in Teaching

I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia
2. School/Colleges: The Graduate School, The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
3. Department: English
4. Program Degree: MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching)
5. Termination
6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: January 2007
7. Last date students will graduate from this program: December 2007
8. Abstract of terminated program
The MAT degree was intended to help existing teachers improve their content-area knowledge and prepare for Board Certification, and to further prepare prospective teachers who would then seek teacher certification by other means. It was never intended to provide teacher certification, as our department is not equipped to oversee student teaching. For this reason, enrollment has always been low; we have had only 6 graduates in the past five years, and this past year we had only 5 applicants and admitted nobody. Our last MAT student graduated in December 2007. In addition, the Board of Regents recently decided that all MAT degrees must involve teacher certification. For these reasons, we have decided to terminate our MAT degree.
9. Signatures


Department Head


Dean of the Franklin College
of Arts and Sciences


Dean of the Graduate School

II. Conditions for Terminating the Degree

1. Copies of the studies and decisions that warrant termination of the degree.
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Education Preparation Academic Advisory Committee (EPAAC) MAT Committee report (attached)
2. Reasons for terminating the degree.
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3. Plans for allowing those students already in the program to complete degree requirements.
N/A: we currently have no enrolled MAT students.
4. What will be done to minimize the impact of termination of the degree upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty involved?
N/A: very little faculty time has been devoted to this program, as we have historically enrolled so few students.
5. What will be done to insure that termination of the program does not weaken other programs for which the department may be responsible?
Nothing: the strength of our other programs has never depended on our MAT degree.
6. There are no plans for subsequent reinstatement; the Master of Education Degree available through the College of Education will serve the needs of all students who might have sought the MAT degree from the English Department.