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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Italian under the major in Romance Languages (A.B.) will be an agenda item for the March 18, 2022, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: January 3, 2022

School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department/Division: Romance Languages

Program (Major and Degree): Area of Emphasis in Italian under the major in Romance Languages (A.B.)

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2022

Last date students will be admitted to this program: Spring 2020

Last date students will graduate from this program: Spring 2022

Program Abstract:

Students majoring in Romance Languages (A.B.) with an Area of Emphasis in Italian take courses that combine the study of literature, language, culture, and linguistics, which lead to a development of language proficiency and an understanding of the Italian-speaking world.

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

The department has been unable to offer the required major courses for the Area of Emphasis in Italian on a regular basis. Furthermore, no students have completed the Area of Emphasis in Italian in years. The Area of Emphasis in Italian Studies is more popular with students and will continue to be offered.

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 termination of the Area of Emphasis in Italian will not affect the faculty in the Italian program, as the courses they teach continue to be offered in other programs.

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

The termination of the Area of Emphasis in Italian will not weaken Romance Languages (A.B.) because students will still have the option to complete the Area of Emphasis in Italian Studies.

4. State the plans for allowing students currently enrolled in the program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on: a) how students will be notified of the program termination, and b) how students will be advised on completing the program.

No students are currently enrolled in the Area of Emphasis in Italian. The undergraduate advisor has already been notified about the termination proposal, and will notify any prospective majors about its imminent termination.

5. What plans, if any, are there for subsequent reactivation of the program?

Since the Area of Emphasis in Italian Studies is still available to students, and since that program is more flexible than the Area of Emphasis in Italian, the department has no plans to reactivate the Area of Emphasis in Italian in the future.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Termination of the Area of Emphasis in Italian under the major in Romance Languages (A.B.)

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department: Romance Languages

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2022

Department:

- Romance Languages Department Head, Dr. Stacey Casado, 1/3/2022

School/College:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 2/1/2022