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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to terminate the Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy P-5 and the Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy 6-12 under the major in Reading Education (M.Ed.) on the Athens campus only will be an agenda item for the September 22, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR TERMINATION OF AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: February 27, 2023

School/College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department/Division: Language and Literacy Education

Area of emphasis to be terminated: Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy P-5

Major(s) and degree(s) the area of emphasis is offered under? Reading Education (M.Ed.)

Which campuses offer this area of emphasis? Athens and Online - termination of Athens campus ONLY

Proposed effective date: Spring 2024

Last date students will be admitted to this area of emphasis: No students are enrolled

Last date students will complete this area of emphasis: No students are enrolled

Program Abstract: The Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy P-5 focuses on the ways in which new and digital literacies are integral to students' literacy development and academic success. The emphasis enables teachers to advance their students as readers in the broadest sense from printed materials to digital multimedia environments.

1. Why is this area of emphasis being proposed for termination?

While this area of emphasis is offered on the Athens campus, it has not been pursued by students. Therefore, the faculty have decided to terminate the on-campus option and focus resources on the online option instead.

2. What will be done to ensure that termination of the area of emphasis does not weaken the major(s) under which it is offered?

This is not applicable since students in the on-campus program have not identified this as their emphasis. Their emphases are in other areas.

3. How will faculty and staff be notified of the termination? Will termination of the area of emphasis have any impact on the faculty and staff offering the area of emphasis?

The faculty have opted to terminate the emphasis since Athens students have not pursued this program. There will be no impact on faculty or staff as a result of termination.

4. How will students be notified of the termination? How will students currently in the area of emphasis be advised to complete the requirements?

There are no students currently enrolled on the Athens campus who have declared this area of emphasis.

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Area of emphasis to be terminated: Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy 6-12

Major(s) and degree(s) the area of emphasis is offered under? Reading Education (M.Ed.)

Which campuses offer this area of emphasis? Athens and Online - termination of Athens campus ONLY

Proposed effective date: Spring 2024

Last date students will be admitted to this area of emphasis: No students are enrolled

Last date students will complete this area of emphasis: No students are enrolled

Program Abstract: The Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy 6-12 focuses on the ways in which new and digital literacies are integral to students' literacy development and academic success. The emphasis enables teachers to advance their students as readers in the broadest sense from printed materials to digital multimedia environments".

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Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Terminate the Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy (P-5) and Area of Emphasis in New and Digital Literacy (6-12) under Reading Education (M.Ed.) on the Athens campus only

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Language and Literacy Education

Proposed Effective Term: Spring 2024

Approvals:

- Language and Literacy Education Department Head, Dr. Allison Nealy, 2/27/23
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 3/20/23
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/27/23
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 9/14/23