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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to terminate the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Music Education will be an agenda item for the April 18, 2025, 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 13, 2025

School/College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department/Division: Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Program (Major and Degree): Music Education (Ed.D.)

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2027

Last date students will be admitted to this program: Fall 2016

Last date students will graduate from this program: Spring 2027

Program Abstract:

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Music Education is a degree program that is housed in the Mary Frances Early College of Education but administered by the Hugh Hodgson School of Music in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. When the majority of educator preparation programs in the arts and sciences moved to their respective colleges in mid-to-late 1990s, this program in Music Education (Ed.D.) remained in the Mary Frances Early College of Education. The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program is designed to provide advanced training for educators who are certified in music education.

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

This proposal is to terminate the Doctor of Education in Music Education (Ed.D.). The faculty in Music Education have a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Music with an Area of Emphasis in Music Education to which they have been admitting students. The Ed.D. program ceased new admissions into the Ed.D. program in 2016. Since then, doctoral students have solely matriculated into the Ph.D. program. That program is serving the needs of educators who are seeking an advanced preparation credential. Four students remain in the Ed.D. program and are in the final stages of that program of study. Given the lack of need for two doctoral programs, it is appropriate to terminate the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Music Education.

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.

Students who are currently completing the program will have a committee-led process to complete the final stages of the degree. All new applicants will be directed to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Music program.

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?

Enrollment in the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Music with an Area of Emphasis in Music Education program is three students as of Spring 2025. Given that the Ph.D. program is meeting the needs of interested graduate students, there is no need for a duplicate doctoral program.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Proposal to terminate the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Music Education

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Proposed Effective Term: Summer 2027

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/13/2025
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 4/9/2025