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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the School of Law to terminate the Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.) degree on the Buckhead campus only will be an agenda item for the April 17, 2026, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost Benjamin Ayers

Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: 3/24/2026

School/College: School of Law

Department/Division: School of Law

Program (Major and Degree): Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.)

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens, Online, and Buckhead

Deactivation or Termination? Termination of the Buckhead Campus only

Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2026

Last date students will be admitted to this program: No students are enrolled at the Buckhead campus

Last date students will graduate from this program: No students are enrolled at the Buckhead campus

Note: There may be no enrollment in the program as of the termination effective date.

Program Abstract:

Provide a brief summary of the program being proposed for deactivation or termination.

This is a program for individuals who do not seek to become attorneys, but who are interested in developing an understanding of the legal system or interested in a particular legal field.

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

Due to low enrollment, the faculty stopped offering the program in Buckhead after Spring 2024 and increased course availability at the Athens campus and online.

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 deactivation or termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

The Buckhead program has been inactive for several years, and no students are enrolled on that campus. The faculty from the Buckhead program were already supporting the M.S.L. program at Athens and online.

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

This campus was not gaining much interest from potential students. The M.S.L. program still operates in Athens and online.

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 deactivation, and b) how students will be advised on completing the program.

There are no students enrolled in the M.S.L. program in Buckhead.

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

None.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Proposal to terminate the Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.) on the Buckhead campus only

College: School of Law

Department: School of Law

Proposed Effective Term: Summer 2026

School/College:

- School of Law Associate Dean, Professor Andrea L. Dennis, 3/24/2026
- School of Law Dean, Professor Usha Rodrigues, 3/24/2026