

**Request for Authorization to Discontinue the MA and PhD Degrees in
Romance Languages and Literatures, Portuguese (Luso-Brazilian) Language and
Literature (CIP 16.0999) at UNC Chapel Hill**

Rationale

UNC Chapel Hill requests discontinuation of the MA and PhD degrees in Portuguese (Luso-Brazilian) Language and Literature. The UNC Chapel Hill Academic Policy Committee of the Graduate School has approved a request to discontinue the graduate program in Portuguese. It agrees with the Interim Chair of the Department of Romance Languages and the findings of the Dean's Advisory Committee on Romance Languages that the graduate program lacks sufficient faculty resources to offer a high quality graduate program and is experiencing difficulties with the diversity and quality of applicants. Students currently enrolled in the MA and PhD programs will be allowed to complete their degrees, and the Department has stated its commitment to providing both courses and teaching fellowships to these students so that they can finish their programs in a timely fashion.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the request to discontinue the MA and PhD degree programs at UNC Chapel Hill effective January 2006. Although no more students will be accepted into the programs, students currently enrolled will be allowed to complete their degrees.