

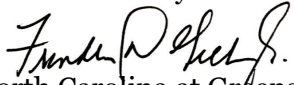
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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 5, 2024

To: Peter Hans
President, University of North Carolina System

Fr: Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. 
Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Cc: David English
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Interim Provost, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Re: Requests for UNCG Academic Program Discontinuations and Curtailment

Following the extensive Academic Portfolio Review (APR) conducted at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) between December 2022 and February 2024, this memorandum conveys my request for your concurrence with recommendations for academic program discontinuation and authorization for program curtailment, as specified in section 605 A and 605 C (1) of the UNC Code. If you concur, I also request that these proposed actions be presented for approval by the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) during the meeting scheduled for July 24, 2024.

Requests for program discontinuation and curtailment apply to the following specific programs at UNCG. Note that these requests have already been submitted through the UNC System's Program Request Portal (PREP). We appreciate the advice and support we have received from the President and UNC System Office throughout this process.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Anthropology (CIP 45.0201)
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Geography, Secondary Education (CIP 13.1317)
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Physics (CIP 40.0801)
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Physics (CIP 40.0801)
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Physical Education, Teacher Education (K-12) (CIP 13.1314)
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religious Studies (CIP 38.0201)

Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Admin. (MSN/MBA) in Health Management (CIP 51.0701)

Master of Arts (MA) in Applied Geography (CIP 45.0701)

Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Interior Architecture (CIP 04.0501)

Master of Arts (MA) in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (CIP 16.0900)

Master of Education (MEd) in Special Education: General Curriculum (CIP 13.1001)

Master of Arts (MA) in Mathematics (CIP 27.0101)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computational Mathematics (CIP 27.0303)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CIP 51.0201)

In reaching these recommendations for discontinuation and curtailment, primary consideration was given to maintaining a sound and balanced academic program consistent with the mission, values, and responsibilities of UNCG. We have followed all necessary separation processes, including Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) program closure processes that include clear teachout plans for faculty and students, so that all current students in good standing may complete their academic programs. We received SACSCOC approval for program closures on June 14, 2024.

UNCG's APR was an iterative process grounded in the Chancellor's authority and responsibility as the administrative and executive head of the institution, as stipulated in N.C.G.S. § 116-34(a). It began in December 2022, after dialogue at a Faculty and Staff Senate retreat led to an APR recommendation to then-Provost Debbie Storrs. A representative faculty and staff body known as the Portfolio Review Task Force (PRTF) was charged with developing a program review rubric and hosting open forums to provide faculty and staff opportunities to provide input. At my direction, through the PRTF, UNCG engaged in a series of consultative sessions with the campus community to inform the APR.

The UNCG review process was characterized by extensive dialogue among all relevant parties. We solicited campus feedback at meetings, campus forums, and PRTF feedback sessions. Moreover, we instructed deans (with faculty engagement) to perform college-level reviews and to evaluate their unit's programs based on the rubric developed by the PRTF; provided a significant number of training sessions for faculty, chairs/heads, and others on dashboards, rubrics, and other data; solicited feedback from the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee and the full Board of Trustees; and released academic data dashboards to continually monitor and assess academic offerings. The goal was the effective alignment of UNCG resources in support of student, faculty, and staff success.

On January 16, 2024, UNCG announced the deans' recommendations to discontinue and curtail select academic programs. This announcement launched two weeks of listening sessions and forums attended by University leadership, including four meetings with the Faculty Senate and additional forums for faculty, students, staff, and alumni. These were opportunities for the entire University community to provide additional input on these recommendations, and for the academic administrative officers and faculties to provide advice and recommendations on the potential discontinuation and curtailment of identified academic programs. Following community and faculty feedback, I presented a final decision on program discontinuation and

curtailment on February 1, 2024, and we notified the affected departments and programs, including impacted faculty, students, prospective students, and staff.

The *Code* and UNC Policy Manual provide that the Chancellor shall make recommendations for the institution's educational programs. Furthermore, all programs undertaken on behalf of the institution are subject to the Chancellor's authorization and approval, and the campus is mandated to regularly review its academic program priorities, which may include the recommended curtailment or discontinuation of an academic program. (See The *Code*, Chapter V, Section 502; UNC Policy Manual Section 400.1; and regulation 400.1.1[R].)

As described in this memo, my recommendations are made following robust consultation with faculty, consistent with applicable requirements of the UNC System *Code*, UNCG General Faculty Constitution, and the UNCG Promotion, Tenure, Academic Freedom, and Due Process Regulations.

We appreciate your consideration of these requests for approval of program discontinuation and authorization for program curtailment.