MEMORANDUM

TO: James F. Harris
   Dean, College of Arts & Humanities

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
       Interim Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Terminate the (Suspended) M.A. in Comparative Literature (PCC log no. 09012)

On November 11, 2009, President Mote approved your proposal to terminate the suspended M.A. in Comparative Literature. This action was approved by Chancellor Kirwan on January 8, 2010, and was acknowledged by the Maryland Higher Education Commission on February 3, 2010.

The approval is effective Fall 2010. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

MDC/

Enclosure

cc: Alex Chen, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Erin Howard, Data Administration
    Donna Williams, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Thomas Castonguay, Graduate School
    Beth Loizeaux, Arts and Humanities
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
• Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
• Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
• Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
• Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED_ 8 July 2009__

PCC LOG NO. 09012

COLLEGE/SCHOOL__ARHU__

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM__Comparative Literature MA Program

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD____ DELETE_X____ CHANGE____

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Convert suspension of MA program into discontinuation of MA program

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)
The MA program was suspended when the new PhD was instituted. We are now completing the process and formally discontinuing the MA.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date
1. Department Committee Chair
   [Signature]
   [Name]
   8 July 2009

2. Department Chair
   [Signature]
   [Name]
   7/14/09

3. College/School PCC Chair

4. Dean
   [Signature]
   [Name]
   8/1/09

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
   [Signature]
   [Name]
   10/1/09

6. Chair, Senate PCC
   [Signature]
   [Name]
   10/16/09

7. Chair of Senate
   [Signature]
   [Name]
   11/17/09

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
   [Signature]
   [Name]
   5/12/10

VPAAP 8-05
February 3, 2010

Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr.
President
University of Maryland College Park
Main Administration Building
College Park, MD 20742-5025

Dear Dr. Mote:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has reviewed the letter from the University of Maryland College Park requesting to discontinue the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Comparative Literature degree program. I am pleased to inform you this request has been administratively approved on the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, George W. Reid.

The following degree program will be removed from the MHEC Inventory of Approved Programs:

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Thank you for keeping the Commission apprised of changes in your program offerings. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

cc: Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM
Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President
University of Maryland, College Park
1101 Main Administration Building
College Park, MD  20742

Dear Dan:

Thank you for forwarding the request of the College of Arts and Humanities, UMCP, to discontinue the M. A. program in Comparative Literature. I know this was a difficult decision. Please accept my approval and express my appreciation to departmental faculty for their careful work in making this decision.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor

cc:  Nariman Farvardin, Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
     Irwin Goldstein, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
     Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
In Spring 2007, the Comparative Literature Program merged with the English Department and completed its transformation from a six-year combined M.A./Ph.D. program (with the option of a terminal M.A.) to a 4-year Ph.D. program. At the time of the merger, no M.A. student remained in the program. Pre-merger students were allowed to finish their degrees according to the guidelines of the old program. Six pre-merger students, who have complete M.A. degrees, remain in the pipeline; all are nearing completion of the Ph.D. Applicants are now expected to have completed an M.A. before beginning the CMLT Ph.D. program. If an extraordinary B.A. student applies to the CMLT Ph.D. program, she or he will be directed to the appropriate M.A. program and efforts will be made to coordinate the admissions and funding. This approach was used successfully to recruit a CMLT flagship fellow, who entered in Fall 2009 as an English M.A.