MEMORANDUM

TO: Bonnie Thornton Dill
   Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
       Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Discontinue the M.A. in Second Language Acquisition & Application
         (PCC log no. 08082)

On November 11, 2011, Chancellor Kirwan approved your proposal to discontinue the Master of Arts in Second Language Acquisition and Application. On June 14, 2012, the Maryland Higher Education Commission gave final approval. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective Fall 2012. The College should ensure that the change is fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

cc: David Salness, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Erin Howard, Office of Information Technology
    Donna Williams, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, University Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Art Popper, Graduate School
    Charles Rutherford, Arts and Humanities
    Carol Mossman, School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
June 14, 2012

Wallace D. Loh, Ph.D.
President
University of Maryland, College Park
1119 Main Administration Building
College Park, Maryland 20742-5031

Dear President Loh:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from the University of Maryland, College Park to offer a Master of Arts and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Second Language Acquisition. I am pleased to inform you that the programs been approved. This decision was based on an analysis of the programs in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission’s Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals, a thirty-day review by the Maryland higher education community and the Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education. The programs demonstrate potential for success, an essential factor in making this decision.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

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Should the programs require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Danette G. Howard, Ph.D.
Interim Secretary of Higher Education

DGH:SAB:mts

C: Ms. Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM
November 11, 2011

Dr. Wallace D. Loh  
President  
University of Maryland, College Park  
1101 Main Administration Building  
College Park, Maryland

Dear Wallace:

Thank you forwarding the request of the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures in the College of Arts and Humanities, to discontinue the Master of Second Language Acquisition and Application program (SLAA).

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: Irwin Goldstein, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Ann Wylie, Vice President and Provost  
Bonnie Dill, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

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The Department Chair,

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: April 5, 2009
PCC Log No.: 08082

College/School: ARHU
Department/Program: MA in SLAA

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.)

Suspend MA Program in Second Language Acquisition and Application

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 in SLAA offers concentrations in French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. The program, designed for researchers, language teachers, and government service professionals interested in the acquisition and application of languages other than English, proved not to be viable as a cross-linguistic degree.

1. Offering courses in multiple languages at the graduate level requires a minimum number of students per language in order to ensure sufficient course enrollment. This minimum was not reliably met.
2. Program focus among the languages was variable, making learning outcomes for graduates unpredictable across unit lines.

Approval Signatures - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair: LaNetta Cough 4/14/09
2. Department Chair: 4/14/2009
3. College/School PCC Chair: 4/27/09
4. Dean: 4/27/09
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required): 6/2/09
6. Chair, Senate PCC

7. Chair of Senate

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

Phyllis Pena 5/15/09

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