

Anne L. Angstrom

From: Larry J. Miller
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 1:12 PM
To: Anne L. Angstrom
Subject: FW: Recommendation to close the BS in Middle Grades Language Arts

Dr. Angstrom,
Please attach as evidence of communication for MGLA recommendation.
Thanks,
Larry

From: Larry J. Miller
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 8:47 AM
To: Jeff Stewart <Jeffrey.Stewart@fsw.edu>
Cc: Eileen DeLuca <Eileen.DeLuca@fsw.edu>
Subject: RE: Recommendation to close the BS in Middle Grades Language Arts

Dr. Stewart,
Will do. We have met with all three students who expressed a strong desire to remain in the program. Dr. Angstrom is on board to teach them out. One question, as a follow on to yesterday's meeting, she has one course with them this semester. Should I adopt your decision about low enrollment classes that are run as classes this semester, or continue on the independent study plan and wait until spring?
Thanks,
Larry

From: Jeff Stewart
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 8:39 AM
To: Larry J. Miller <Lawrence.Miller@fsw.edu>
Cc: Eileen DeLuca <Eileen.DeLuca@fsw.edu>
Subject: RE: Recommendation to close the BS in Middle Grades Language Arts

Dr. Miller:
Please bring this recommendation through the curriculum process this fall. As we discussed we can get the three students through the program should they wish to stay or they can change their major.

Jeff

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From: Larry J. Miller
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 10:04 AM
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Dr. Stewart,

I am writing to recommend closure of the BS program in Middle Grades Language Arts due to low enrollment. Last year we did not admit a spring cohort in order to increase the size of the fall cohort. We also offered a GKT prep course without charging student tuition to increase enrollment. We marketed the program heavily to SLS students and English classes. In spite of these efforts, applications were up by only 25% and admissions were flat at 3 students.

I spoke with Dr. DeLuca yesterday about the situation to see if there is anything else we can do to grow the program; I shared my recommendation to close the program and she agreed with my recommendation. I spoke with Dr. Angstrom this morning to let her know that I would be recommending closing the program. She was not surprised and took the news quite well. Dr. Angstrom is a terrific faculty member and can and has taught many of the courses we offer in elementary education and alternative certification students. For these reasons, I strongly recommend retaining Dr. Angstrom on faculty after the teach out plan is complete.

With your support, we will contact the three students who were admitted to the program this fall to advise them of the pending closure and offer them the chance to switch majors to Elementary Education. In Florida, once they have an elementary education teaching certificate, they can earn a middle grades certificate by passing the subject area exam. They will be informed that it is their decision to stay or switch, as they have been formally admitted to the program. We will make our coordinators available to these three students for additional advising sessions, but ask that they make a decision by this Friday so that we can finalize the fall schedule (only one class would be cancelled, Dr. Angstrom is on overload so she would still make load).

Overall, enrollment at SoE is growing again (today we officially passed last year's final FTE). Our Elementary Education program is strong and has stabilized and ECE has grown considerably. But closing this program will have implications for the \$10k degree. From an administrative perspective, should you recommend proceeding, we would then include this closure in with the other four programs we are closing this year at the first curriculum committee meeting of the Fall semester.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry

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