Proposal for Discontinuation of Undergraduate or Graduate Minor, Certificate or Graduate Specialization

DISCONTINUATION OF:

1. □ Undergraduate Minor □ Undergraduate Certificate

□ Graduate Minor □ Graduate Certificate □ Graduate Specialization

1. Name of Program: Forensic Sciences Graduate Certificate
2. Primary College: LAS Secondary College:
3. Involved Department(s): World Languages and Cultures
4. Name and email address of Administrator, Academic Unit or group originating the proposal:

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1. Rationale for discontinuation: The department of World Languages and Cultures (WLC) is thematically not the most appropriate home for a forensic sciences program. The reason for this organization is primarily historical. Many years ago when the anthropology program was a separate department independent from WLC, the faculty included a forensic anthropologist who worked closely with a chemist on campus to develop the program. Since that time, anthropology merged with WLC and there are no longer any faculty with expertise in forensic sciences. Additionally, the program maintains low enrollment.
2. Availability of similar programs at other Regent’s institutions: Both U of I and NIU offer criminology and criminal justice majors. U of I has graduate programs in criminology.
3. Enrollment data for current and previous four years: Currently, two students are enrolled in the program. Last year, just one student was enrolled in the program.
4. Complete a survey of students currently enrolled in the program to determine the impact of the discontinuance on their academic plans. The survey should attempt to identify students who wish (i) to complete the program; (ii) to transfer to other programs at the same institution; and (iii) to leave the institution.
* Both of the students in the program can continue until the program is phased out.
1. Based on the data collected, provide a projection of resources (faculty, staff, space, etc.) needed to maintain program quality until the phase-out is completed. Provide a timeframe for the program phase-out.
* With the two current students in the certificate program, the current DOC, Dr. Somerville, is willing to continue working with them over the next year or two while the program is being discontinued. All that remains for them is coursework, and one student needs to complete ANTHR 541 credit hours with Dr. Somerville, which they will complete either in Spring 2024 or Fall 2024.
1. A description of the impact of the discontinuance on underrepresented student populations and on women.
* Because the Forensic Science Graduate program was not a very in-demand program and currently only has two enrolled students, the impact of the discontinuance should have no affect on underrepresented student populations, including women. Currently, two students are enrolled in the program: one woman and one male. Both are expected to continue working with Dr. Somerville until they have completed the certificate.

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