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Judith H. Langlois, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Langlois:

I have received notification from The University of Texas at Austin of its plan to phase out the following degree programs effective February 8, 2016.

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Biology (26.0101.00),
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Biochemistry (26.0202.00),
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Human Ecology (19.0101.00),
- Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in Communication Studies-Performance of Literature (23.1304.00),
- Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in Communication Studies-Organizational Communication (23.1304.00),
- Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in Communication Studies-Rhetorical Studies (23.1304.00), and
- Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in Communication Studies-Interpersonal Communication (23.1304.00).

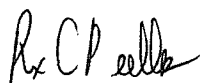
In accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Policy Statement "Substantive Changes for Accredited Institutions of the Commission on College," which is aligned with the U.S. Department of Education requirements, member institutions are required to seek approval prior to initiating substantive changes, such as closing a degree program. In particular, institutions must receive approval of a closing program's teach-out plan outlined in Procedure Three before discontinuing admission of new students. Your institution is expected to notify the Coordinating Board if the final date of the teach-out period is not approved by SACSCOC.

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I am pleased to approve at the staff level the request change the program name for the Master of Arts (MA) degree in Mexican-American Studies to Mexican American and Latina/o Studies (05.0203.00).

Enclosed is an Information Sheet for your reporting official.

Sincerely,



Rex C. Peebles

Enclosure

c: Steven W. Leslie
Gregory Fenves

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INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is provided in connection with recent action(s) taken by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and reported to your institution in a letter from Rex C. Peebles dated February 8, 2016.

ACTION: THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

On February 8, 2016, the Coordinating Board acknowledged notification from The University of Texas at Austin of its intent to make the following changes:

Administrative Unit Affected		Academic Unit #		Action	Effective Date
Biology Instruction Office		0440		Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	# of SCH	Action	Effective Date
BA	Biology	26.0101.00	120	Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016

Administrative Unit Affected		Academic Unit #		Action	Effective Date
Department of Molecular Biosciences		2057		Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	# of SCH	Action	Effective Date
BA	Biochemistry	26.0202.00	120	Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016

Administrative Unit Affected		Academic Unit #		Action	Effective Date
School of Human Ecology		1549		Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	# of SCH	Action	Effective Date
BA	Human Ecology	19.0101.00		Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016

Administrative Unit Affected		Academic Unit #		Action	Effective Date
Department of Communication Studies		0674		Phase out degree programs	February 8, 2016
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	# of SCH	Action	Effective Date
MA/PHD	Communication Studies- Performance of Literature	23.1304.00	30/45	Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016
MA/PHD	Communication Studies- Organizational Communication	23.1304.00	30/45	Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016
MA/PHD	Communication Studies- Interpersonal Communication	23.1304.00	30/45	Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016
MA/PHD	Communication Studies- Rhetorical Studies	23.1304.00	30/45	Phase out degree program	February 8, 2016

Administrative Unit Affected		Academic Unit #		Action	Effective Date
Center for Mexican-American Studies		0593		Phase out and create degree programs	September 1, 2017
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	# of SCH	Action	Effective Date
MA	Mexican-American Studies	05.0203.00	30	Phase out degree program	August 15, 2022
MA	Mexican American and Latina/o Studies	05.0203.00	30	Create degree program	September 1, 2017

Notes:

These changes will affect the way your institution reports courses, programs, and degrees to the Coordinating Board. Please inform the appropriate reporting personnel of these changes.

If you have any questions about this action or about your institution's program inventory, please contact:

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