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To: Jack Cummings
Chair, Policy Council of the School of Education

From: Elizabeth Boling
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On behalf of the Graduate Studies Committee, School of Education

Date: 11/26/2012

On October 4, 2012, the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the School of Education considered and passed unanimously a proposal brought forward by Dr. Keith Barton representing the Curriculum and Instruction Department to discontinue the Social Studies MAT program. The rationale for this proposal is copied below from Dr. Barton's memo to the committee.

GSC verified that the Curriculum and Instruction faculty reviewed and approved this proposal, and on behalf of the GSC I verified with Dean David Daleke of the University Graduate School that we are using the appropriate procedure to discontinue this program. We took this step because the MAT is granted by the University Graduate School even though, unlike all other MAT degrees at IUB, it is housed in the School of Education and not in the College of Arts & Sciences.

CC: Danielle Desawal, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee; Jane Kaho; Keith Barton; Lara Lackey; Avital Deskalo

Rationale:

- The program title and structure are misleading. In common usage, "MAT" refers to a degree that leads to teacher certification, but this program does not; it's simply a masters program that a student who is otherwise seeking certification (through Transition to Teacher or Community of Teachers) may simultaneously pursue. As a result, nearly every student who applies to the program does so in error, and they then have to be contacted to let them know that they really should have applied to one of our certification programs.
- As a masters program, the MAT duplicates other programs. Students seeking certification in social studies through T2T or COT can also enroll in the Masters in Social Studies Education, Masters in Elementary Education, or Masters in Secondary Education.
- Very few students enroll in the program—only two in the last four years. Both these students could have taken the same set of courses and received a masters degree in Social Studies Education rather than an MAT in Social Studies.
- Because the M.A.T. is "owned" by the Graduate School, but "housed" in the School of Education, there are a number of administrative complexities that make administering this program unduly complicated.
- No courses will be discontinued as a result of the discontinuation of this program.