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School of Liberal Arts**

Graduate Curriculum Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Scarpino, President
SLA Faculty Assembly

FROM: Carrie Foote, Chair

SUBJECT: Proposal to Change the Curriculum of the MAT in Spanish

DATE: February 15, 2010

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the Department of World Language and Culture's request that the Thesis Requirement in their MA for Teachers of Spanish be changed to a Thesis Option, thereby allowing students to choose between two paths to acquire the MA, one that includes a thesis and one that does not. The path without a thesis includes additional coursework. The proposal outlined a strong rationale for allowing a non-thesis path to completing the MA and identified several benefits of the path to both students and the department.

We therefore approve the proposal and move it forward for formal review by the SLA faculty assembly. The MAT in Spanish proposal is a separate attachment.