To: Tena Helton, Assistant Professor  
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From: Missy Thibodeaux-Thompson, Chair, CLAS Curriculum Committee

Re: Proposal for an English Department Graduate Certificate in Teaching English

After a thorough review (which included clarifications and revisions from ENG), the members of the CLAS Curriculum Committee (CC) have approved the proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Teaching English. In addition, the CC approved the proposal for the three new courses that will be necessary to deliver this certificate (ENG 551, 552 & 553). It appears that new resources will not be required to make this certificate available to students, although the CC does have a question regarding staffing of these new courses, and expressed concern as to whether or not these three new courses will impact the existing graduate curricular offerings, as well as the undergraduate program. The committee recognizes that offering such a certificate could serve various populations, including non-M.A. seeking and M.A. seeking students, including potential Teaching Fellows. Furthermore, the CC recognizes that such a certificate will be helpful in recruiting quality M.A. students to the program, as well as providing beneficial training for potential Teaching Fellows, M.A. students, and non-M.A. seeking students wishing to improve their existing teaching knowledge and skill.

Thank you for your work on this curricular initiative.

c. Jim Ermatinger  
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