



November 25, 2013

To: Council on Academic Affairs

From: Shari R. Speer, Chair of Department of Linguistics

Re: Revisions to the Linguistics Minor Program

We appreciate the time and effort that has been given to our proposal to modify the linguistics minor program. On November 20, CAA approved the linguistics minor with the following contingencies:

- (1) change Ling2000 from a requirement to a prerequisite, and
- (2) remove the possibility of overlap by one course between the linguistics major and the linguistics minor.

I would like to clarify that we have not allowed students to "overlap" a minor and major course, but have instead reduced the linguistics minor requirement from five to four classes in the case that a student has taken a course to be counted toward their major that has also been approved as being part of the minor in linguistics. The term "overlap" is not the appropriate term in this case. This provision for a four-course linguistics minor was included and approved by both ASCC and CAA under the quarter system and reiterated in the proposal approved during semester conversion. We propose that the current revisions to the linguistics minor include this provision as well.

We are resubmitting an edited version of our most recent proposal that includes the following: (1) Ling 2000 remains in the minor as an introductory course (as opposed to a "prerequisite" course) and (2) the minor defaults to 12 credits if the student has taken one of the minor courses in their major.

Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Julie McGory.

Sincerely,

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Professor and Chair