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Rachel,

On Tuesday, December 10, the ASC Arts and Humanities Panel reviewed the requested changes to the Andean and Amazonian Studies Minor.

The Panel did not take a vote but would like the following points to be addressed first:

- *Concern: Potentially, this could become a language minor. Indeed, students who take Quechua 5504, 5505, and 5506 to fulfill the 9 cr hrs of core courses would only have to take Spanish 2332 (required course) and another elective course (potentially a lower-level/2000-level course) to complete the minor.*
- *Portuguese 4561 and/or 5650 need to be moved to the core courses category if, as indicated in the left column, they can both be taken to fulfill 6 credits of Portuguese language course for IS majors. Right now, all Portuguese courses are in the electives (of which students only needs to take 3 credits), which makes it impossible for students to take 6 credits of Portuguese beyond the language prereq without increasing the number of credit hours in the minor.*
- *Why remove the 75%/25% language for core courses and electives? How does removing that language benefit students? Also, how does this maintain the academic rigor of the minor? Might this open the door to students perhaps inadvertently taking a course that, as offered in a particular semester, would have very little to do with the Andean and Amazonian region?*

Should you have any questions about this feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Fletcher, Chair of the ASC A&H Panel (cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,  
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