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To: Meg Daly, Chair of ASCC

From: Janice M. Aski, Chair of ASCC Arts and Humanities Panel

Dear Meg,

At our meeting on Friday, September 26, 2014 the Arts and Humanities Panel reviewed the proposal from the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to revise the Andean and Amazonian Studies Minor.

The department set up a working group to consider issues related to the growth of the minor and the sustainability of the Andean language offerings. Upon thorough review of the minor, the working group found numerous opportunities to increase the flexibility of the minor in order to yield greater and more rapid growth of this unique curricular offering:

1. They have proposed to move history 2111 to the Core Courses section, raising the minimum limit to 9 credit hours, and lowering the "Required Courses" section to 3 credit hours to allow for more flexibility.
2. Instead of distinguishing "Core" from "Elective" courses based on percentage of content (50/75%), they replaced it with language that allows for students to petition for inclusion of courses in particular areas.
3. They included intermediate Quechua courses as options within the core in order to ensure that these courses have a place on an approved academic degree plan.

The Arts and Humanities panel discussed the fact that including Quechua 5504, 5505, and 5506 in the core courses of the minor would almost make it a foreign language minor (since students would take three language courses and two other content courses). The pros and cons were evaluated and in the end the panel decided that the proposed revision is an improvement on the current minor, which also lists some Quechua courses in the core courses of the minor but at a lower level (5501, 5502, and 5503). Since it is more rigorous, the panel unanimously approved the proposed minor changes.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janice M. Aski'.

Janice M. Aski