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To Members of The Office of Academic Affairs:

We are proposing that the course change for Linguistics 2000 –making it an online course- be accepted and offered in Autumn 2014. In March 13, 2013, we proposed development of Linguistics 1100 being taught as a dual enrollment course for college credit within high schools. High school teachers, in order to teach Linguistics 1100, would be required to take Linguistics 2000 to learn about the subject matter. It is necessary that the course be online because high school instructors reside throughout the country. While we have not received feedback on our dual enrollment proposal, we decided to develop the online course (1) as a starting point for the dual enrollment proposal and (2) for students at branch campuses and community colleges who wish to complete the associated GE and/or begin studies in their linguistics minor or major program. Because this would be the first online course offered in our department, we would like to limit the size of the course initially to 10-15 students.

It is important that we be able to offer online Ling 2000 in Autumn 2014 with fewer students so that we can better learn and manage the potential challenges faced in an online course. While this initial AU14 offering would not be part of the development of the course content per se, it provides us with a manageable format for adjusting to issues associated with online instruction. In subsequent semesters, we will increase enrollment limits to equal (or surpass) those in the class version of Linguistics 2000.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shari Speer".

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