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Dear Meg,

The Arts and Humanities panel met on April 12, 2016 and reviewed revisions to the Romance Studies major. The Romance Studies major was created four years ago and has been successful. There are currently 25 majors with primary languages in Italian, French and Spanish. During these four years they have discovered a few inconsistencies and inefficiencies in the delivery of the major. Apart from a few house-cleaning details, the major revisions are the following:

- Each primary language will have an ASC advisor and a faculty advisor.
- The assessment plan has been revised in order to make it easier to implement. The most significant change is that each department will be responsible for the direct assessment (oral and written) of graduating seniors who have chosen their language as their primary language. The director of the program will implement the indirect measures, which include an exit survey and the evaluation of grades in students' secondary and tertiary languages.
- The major focus tracks in the primary languages have been removed from French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese to increase flexibility and facilitate advising.
- The declared total number of credits listed for the major has been clarified: The total number of credits is 41-48 hours. This does not count the prerequisites for the primary and secondary language. However, note that the 1000-level language course prerequisite hours for the primary or secondary language count for the Open Option GE. In addition, many students test out of any number of elementary-level language courses.
- For Italian as a primary language, the requirement to have one 5000-level course will be replaced by an additional 4000-level course requirement.

The panel unanimously approved these revisions with a few recommendations, which have been made.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Aski