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Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On Tuesday, October 1st, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 reviewed a request from the Center for Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, to establish a new Elementary-Level Teaching Certificate in American Sign Language (ASL).

As described in the proposal, the certificate “develops and enhances ASL teaching skills of post-baccalaureate individuals by providing formal study of ASL pedagogy in conjunction with hands-on training.” The certificate would give all those who complete it the skills and training necessary for entry-level ASL teaching positions. As justification for the new program, the proposal notes that there are currently no institutions in Ohio offering degrees at any level in ASL teaching.

A&H Subcommittee 1 voted unanimously to approve the request with no contingencies. The proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Warm regards,

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