



Professor Ila Nagar
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

December 3, 2025

Dear Professor Nagar and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On November 5, 2025, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for a New Certificate in Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology put forward by the Speech and Hearing Science Department, to be implemented in Autumn 2026. The proposed certificate is designed to serve a 3a Graduate Stand-alone certificate and 3b Graduate Embedded certificate.

The proposed 12-credit certificate would meet the growing demand for speech-language pathologists who speak multiple languages, and in particular who speak languages other than English. No other speech-language pathology programs in the state of Ohio offer bilingual training. The certificate could be embedded in the existing MA program in speech-language pathology so that students could develop bilingual expertise (the 3a certificate category). It would also serve existing speech-language pathologists who wish to return to school in order to develop this expertise (the 3b certificate category). The program expects their own alumni to be a significant source of demand for the 3b certificate.

The SBS Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the proposal with contingencies. The Department has since satisfied the contingencies, and the proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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