TO: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

FROM: Erica Benson, Chair of the English Department and Language Studies minor advisor, and Lynsey Wolter, Language Studies minor advisor

DATE: October 26, 2015

RE: Name Change for the Minor: Language Studies, Liberal Arts (570-401)

We request implementation of the following program name change with the next possible Undergraduate Catalog.

Date of Department/Program Approval — October 16, 2015

From: Page 71 of the Undergraduate Catalog Year 2015-2016

MINOR: LANGUAGE STUDIES, Liberal Arts (Code 570-401)

To:
MINOR: INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS, Liberal Arts (Code 570-XXX)
For advising, contact the English Department.

Why:
The new name of the program advertises its content more clearly, uses current disciplinary terminology, and aligns with related major programs (English Linguistics, Spanish Linguistics). The program advisors have found that students and faculty are frequently puzzled by the name “Language Studies.”

The requirements for the minor as well as the program description are also being revised to streamline the program and bring it into alignment with current course offerings at UWEC.