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To: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

From: Carter Smith, Chair of the Department of Languages

Subject: Request for a new LANG prefix for use in the Department of Languages

In AY 2014-15, the Department of Languages changed its name to reflect the nature of the department and the languages and cultures taught in the department. These include Ojibwe and English as a Second Language, courses taught in the TESOL/TEFL programs, and some courses required of language education majors and minors.

It is proposed that the Department of Languages have a new course prefix – LANG (standing for Languages) – for the following reasons:

- A new prefix better represents the name and nature of the department and the content of the courses taught in the department.
- A new prefix allows the department to rename some (not all) courses which presently use a FLG prefix to more accurately reflect their nature (for example FLG 101, FLG 102, FLG 201, FLG 202, FLG 365/565, FLG 378, FLG 400/600).
- A new prefix allows for the creation of new LANG courses in the future in such areas as Ojibwe, ESL and TESOL/TEFL, as well as ensure other future additions in courses or programs in the department will have an appropriate prefix to use.
- A different course prefix will facilitate more relevant and accurate record-keeping and transcripts for students.

PROS:
As listed above

CONS:
No cons seen

Additional note:

The department would want to phase out the prefix FLG, not immediately rename all the FLG courses. Many of the course descriptions include the word “foreign” and changing them will need further discussion. Also, consistent with the other course prefixes in the department, the LANG prefix will be able to count in either GE-IA or GE-IVD, depending on the nature and content of a particular course offering.

This proposal passed unanimously in departmental meeting of 4/9/15

Requested implementation: upon University Senate approval.