REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:
“Interdisciplinary Linguistic” represents the program content more clearly, uses current disciplinary terminology, and aligns with related major programs (English Linguistics, Spanish Linguistics). The requirements for this interdisciplinary minor are also being revised to streamline the program and bring it into alignment with current course offerings at UWEC.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. Language Studies is an interdisciplinary minor.
2. Advising for the minor is centralized in the Department of English.
3. The Language Studies minor currently requires four prefixes. Changes to the minor would require students to include a minimum three prefixes. The changes to the program itself will allow students to complete the minor in a better time frame.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. “Interdisciplinary Linguistics” is better aligned with the revised content of the current “Language Studies” interdisciplinary minor.
2. Students would better understand the program contents. A name change would facilitate advising.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None

Committee Recommendation:

Rename the MINOR: LANGUAGE STUDIES, Liberal Arts (Code 570-401) to MINOR: INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS, Liberal Arts (Code 570-XXX).
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of _9_ in favor and _0_ against on November 10, 2015

recommends that the MINOR: LANGUAGE STUDIES, Liberal Arts (Code 570-401) within the Department of English be renamed to MINOR: INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS, Liberal Arts (Code 570-XXX).

Implementation Date: 2016-2017 Catalog

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
   Chair of the Committee

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