REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:
A certificate in Interdisciplinary Linguistics contributes to the University mission through its focus on liberal arts education, developing critical thinking and creative thinking skills, and interdisciplinary coursework preparing students to thrive in a diverse, global society.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. This is a 12-credit certificate that is a more focused version of the 24-credit minor of the same name: Interdisciplinary Linguistics.
2. The 12-credit focus allows students to focus more on a narrower range of linguistics courses relevant to their academic career goals. Only one course—ENGL 221—is required; the remaining 9 credits are student choice from a selected list of courses in French, Communication Sciences and Disorders, English, German, Spanish, Philosophy, Foreign Languages, and Anthropology.
3. The CSD 262 course will have two sections offered; one online with limited enrollment and one on-campus section that provides sufficient enrollment for CSD students, students pursuing this certificate, and students pursuing other programs (e.g., TESOL and TEFL).
4. The 12-credit certificate with flexible course options for 9 of the 12 credits facilitates a smooth transition for students who decide to pursue a minor with a linguistics component instead of the Interdisciplinary Linguistics certificate or who, after completing part of a minor, find that their course work fits nicely instead into the Interdisciplinary Linguistics certificate.
5. At least 2 sections of ENGL 221 and CSD 262 are offered every semester. The other 11 courses are offered less than once a year. Accurate and timely advising is very important. The faculty teaching in the Interdisciplinary Linguistics minor have the expertise to advise students regarding sporadic course availability.
6. The Chair will work with the Registrar’s Office to ensure that the certificate can be easily coded and tracked via a normal Degree Audit.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. This is a truly interdisciplinary certificate.
2. The flexibility in certificate requirements enables students to tailor the certificate to their needs.
3. A certificate in Interdisciplinary Linguistics is unique in the UW System.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None. Faculty and courses currently exist.

Committee Recommendation:
Establish a certificate in Interdisciplinary Linguistics to be housed in the Department of English.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of _9_ in favor and _0_ against on March 1, 2016

recommends that a certificate in Interdisciplinary Linguistics, housed within the Department of English, be established.

Implementation Date: 2016-2017 Catalog

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
Chair of the Committee

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