

TRANSMITTAL AND ABSTRACT OF SENATE REPORT

Date Presented to the Senate: April 23, 2009

Presenter: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee

Subject of Report: Proposal to rename the Bachelor of Arts in German Language and Literature as the Bachelor of Arts in Germanic Studies

Senate Document Number: 08-09-30

Voting: (a) on resolutions or recommendations one by one, or
(b) in a single vote
(c) to endorse entire report

A. Statement of Issue:

The College of Arts and Humanities and the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures propose to rename the Bachelor of Arts in German Language and Literature as the Bachelor of Arts in Germanic Studies, to more accurately describe the curriculum.

The study of German languages, literatures and cultures also includes and reflects the historical, cultural and linguistic inter-relationships of Germanic societies. The curriculum of the B.A. in German Language and Literatures has for many years included courses on Viking cultures, mythology, Scandinavian literatures, etc., and this action is intended to clarify for students that the field of German language and literature includes subjects beyond the borders of the modern nation of Germany.

The proposal was submitted to the Senate by the Office of Academic Affairs following favorable recommendation by the Senate Programs, Curricula & Courses Committee on April 3 2009. If the Senate approves the proposal, it would still require further approval by the President and Chancellor, with notification to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

B. Recommendation:

The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve the renaming action.

C. Committee Work:

The Committee considered the proposal at its meeting on April 3, 2009. Elizabeth Bergmann Loizeaux (Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities) and Laretta Clough (Acting Associate Director, School of

Languages, Literatures and Cultures) were present to answer questions. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the renaming action.

D. Alternatives:

The Senate could decline to approve the degree name change.

E. Risks:

If the Senate does not approve the change, the name of the degree program will not reflect the curriculum as accurately as it might.

F. Financial Implications:

There are no indications of a financial risk.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:

- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for **each** proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED January 1, 2009

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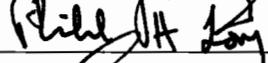
DESCRIPTION (*Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide **old** and **new** sample programs for curriculum changes.*)

Change title of BA from "German Language and Literature" to "Germanic Studies."

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (*Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.*)

The proposed title more accurately reflects the range of the degree, with its triple focus on language, literature, and culture, and its inclusion of Germanic cultures beyond Germany. No new resources are required.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - *Please print name, sign, and date*

1. Department Committee Chair Louetta Clough  2.2.09
2. Department Chair Michael W. Lowe  2/2/2009
3. College/School PCC Chair MARJORIE VENIT  2/2/09
4. Dean Elizabeth Loizeaux  2/2/09
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) _____
6. Chair, Senate PCC _____
7. Chair of Senate _____
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost _____