

Establish Comprehensive Major: Teaching Spanish and TESOL

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Languages requests to establish a new Comprehensive Major – Teaching Spanish and TESOL (XXX-XXX). Students in the past added a standard teaching degree in a language but at times were undecided on a minor. Many of them were not familiar with TESOL and after an advising session would add a TESOL minor to their standard degree. Further, school districts are looking to hire future teachers with certification in a language as well as certification in teaching English language learners. The Wisconsin Department of Instruction has changed the grade levels for TESOL licenses. The TESOL minor is now only a K-12 license and will fit nicely with the K-12 license in Spanish. There are currently twenty or more standard majors of teaching (French, German, Spanish) who already have a TESOL minor. This major-minor combination is common and highly marketable after graduation. We anticipate high enrollments in this new program.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Can students pursuing K-12 licensure in any area add TESOL minor or only students in languages?
2. Does this replace the Spanish teaching comprehensive major? No.

Pros of Recommendation:

Will be very popular with students. Prepares pre-service teachers to work in multilingual classrooms. Credits-to-degree reduction with new program.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the establishment of a new Comprehensive Major – Teaching Spanish and TESOL (XXX-XXX).

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MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 10 for to 0 against on December 14, 2021 (Date)

Recommends that:

The establishment of a new Comprehensive Major – Teaching Spanish and TESOL (XXX-XXX), starting 2022-2023 AY.

Implementation Date: 22/23 catalog

Signed: _____
Chair of the Committee

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