

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is requesting a name change to the American Sign Language (ASL) Certificate (Code 622-601) to American Sign Language Studies, Certificate (Code 622-601). The certificate is frequently confused with the certification (and licensure) required to serve as a sign language interpreter. To clearly identify the difference, the department would like to change the name of the program to “American Sign Language Studies” to try to emphasize the more introductory nature of the certificate.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Terminology usage of “Studies” vs “Proficiency”.
2. Requirements to become an interpreter.

Pros of Recommendation:

Provides clear delineation in pursuit of certificate.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the name change of the American Sign Language (ASL) Certificate (Code 622-601) to American Sign Language Studies, Certificate (Code 622-601).

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 name change of the American Sign Language (ASL) Certificate (Code 622-601) to American Sign Language Studies, Certificate (Code 622-601), starting 2022-2023 AY.

Implementation Date: 22/23 catalog

Signed: _____
Chair of the Committee

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