

# ASACR 9

Office of the President  
May 3, 2016

Members, Board of Trustees:

CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS:  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Department of Linguistics in the College of Arts and Sciences and the transfer of the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Linguistics, the Bachelor of Science with a major in Linguistics, the Master of Arts with a major in Linguistic Theory and Typology degrees, and the minor in Linguistics from the Department of English to the Department of Linguistics, effective July 1, 2016.

Background: The Linguistics Program is currently an interdisciplinary program, with faculty “affiliated” to the program from several departments including English, Hispanic Studies, Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and Philosophy. Both the 2007 and 2013 Linguistics Program external reviews strongly recommended the creation of a Department of Linguistics to better serve the needs of the students pursuing linguistics degrees. The reviewers stated that without departmental status, linguistics would not reach its full potential. The departmental status would recognize excellence in teaching and research across the curriculum, facilitate development of established strengths, enhance existing ties with other departments, and provide a framework for the creation of new ties.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_