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Dear Janie,

Please find attached a memo responding to the Senate Council's questions re the request to suspend the BS in Spanish degree.

Please let me know if any additional information is required.

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MEMO

To: Senate Council Members

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Date: March 31, 2015

RE: Response to questions regarding the request to suspend the BS in Spanish degree

Background

1. One of the recommendations that came out of the most recent external review of Hispanic Studies was the need to strengthen the Spanish major by redistributing course requirements within the major – specifically reducing the number of “outside the major” hours and increasing the number of required SPA courses.
2. In 2012/13, Hispanic Studies proposed a new BA in Spanish. The university approved this change in April 2013.
3. The new BA program does not require students to take any additional hours in the major – it just redistributes hours within the major and requires students to take a more rigorous complement of courses.
4. A revised BS in Spanish was not proposed. Instead the department has requested the suspension of the BS in Spanish. Completion of the current BS in Spanish as a primary major requires 129 – 137 credits of coursework (depends on where a student places in Spanish language courses). This far exceeds the 120 credit hours recommended for A&S degree programs.
5. Since the implementation of the new BA in Spanish requirements (Fall 2013), not a single student has declared the BS in Spanish as a primary major.

	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
Declared BA in Spanish	10	12
Declared BS in Spanish	0	0

Requirements for a second MAJOR versus a second DEGREE

6. Students completing a second MAJOR must complete only the major requirements for that program. Students completing a second DEGREE must complete a minimum of 144 credit hours of coursework and complete the major AND College requirements.
7. Completion of the BS or BA in Spanish as a second MAJOR requires completion of 53 credits of coursework (premajor and major). There is no difference in the total hours required for the BS in Spanish secondary major and the new BA in Spanish secondary major. The only difference is the distribution of courses within the major. As a result of the redistribution, the BA is a more robust major than the current BS.
8. Students completing a second DEGREE in Spanish must complete the major requirements and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements.

For the BS in Spanish the College of Arts and Science requirements include:

- One additional science or math course beyond that required by the UKCore. This is satisfied by the primary major if the primary major is a BS degree. If the primary degree is a BA then this requirement can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if ANT 230, ANT 332, ANT 333, or ANT 353 is taken.
- One additional humanities course beyond that required by the UKCore (satisfied by the SPA major requirements)
- One additional social science course beyond that required by the UKCore (can be satisfied within the SPA major if LIN 515, LIN 516, LIN 519, CGS 500, any ANT course, or any PSY course is taken)
- A laboratory course (can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if PSY 100 is taken)
- 60 credit hours of math and science coursework (already satisfied if primary degree is a BS degree).
- 6 hours of free electives

For the BA in Spanish the College of Arts and Science requirements include:

- Two additional science or math courses beyond that required by the UKCore. This is satisfied by the primary major if the primary major is a BS degree. If the primary degree is a BA then this requirement can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if two of the following are taken: ANT 230, ANT 332, ANT 333, or ANT 353.
- Two additional humanities courses beyond that required by the UKCore (satisfied by the SPA major requirements)
- Two additional social science courses beyond that required by the UKCore (can be satisfied within the SPA major if LIN 515, LIN 516, LIN 519, CGS 500, any ANT course, or any PSY course is taken)
- A laboratory course (can be satisfied within the SPA major requirements if PSY 100 is taken)
- 39 credit hours of 300-or above coursework (satisfied by completion of primary and secondary degree coursework)
- 6 hours of free electives

For students whose primary degree is in the College of Arts and Sciences there is no difference in the total hours required for the BS in Spanish secondary degree and the new BA in Spanish secondary degree. The only difference is the distribution of courses within the major.

Students whose primary degree is not in the College of Arts and Sciences will have to complete the College requirements. If the student's primary degree is a BS degree and the student has already earned 60 hours of math/science coursework, then, there is no difference in the total hours required for the BS in Spanish secondary degree and the new BA in Spanish secondary degree. The only difference is the distribution of courses within the major.

9. Since the implementation of the new BA in Spanish, not a single student has declared a BS in Spanish as a second degree.
10. There are currently three students in the system who are completing the BS in Spanish as a second degree (1 each declared Fall 2010, Fall 2012, and Fall 2013)