

Proposed Suspension of the BS Spanish
May 11, 2015

Snippet from SC minutes on October 7, 2013:

Hippisley explained the proposal and said that the motion from the SAPC was that the Senate approve the suspension of admission into the BS Spanish, in the Department of Hispanic Studies, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Guest Alan Brown, chair of the Department of Hispanic Studies, answered questions from SC members. There were substantial concerns expressed by some SC members; if the BS Spanish is suspended, students majoring in the sciences (engineering, biology, statistics, nursing, etc.) who wanted a double major or dual degree in Spanish would have to choose the BA Spanish. For students majoring in the sciences, the BA Spanish requires an additional six to twelve credit hours for humanities courses that the BS Spanish does not require.

SC members requested clarification on the following aspects: requirements for dual degrees, as well as for double majors; the number of science majors who go on to earn the BS Spanish; and if a requirement can be added to the BS Spanish such that it must be combined with a second major, due to the BS Spanish requirement of 60 hours of science courses. Brion suggested Brown contact the directors of graduate studies in various science areas who might want their students to have a more global perspective, to complement the science degree.

The Chair asked Butler, Senate parliamentarian, for guidance on how to proceed. Guest Butler said the SC could vote down the motion from the SAPC, vote to return the proposal to the SAPC, or table the proposal. Butler thought a motion to return the proposal to the SAPC best reflected the tone of the SC's discussion. After additional discussion, Debski **moved** to send the proposal to suspend admissions to the BS Spanish back to the SAPC.

Butler added that if the proposal was returned to the SAPC, the SAPC could decide to take no action on the proposal to suspend the BS Spanish and it would not return to the SC; it would remain as is. Wood **seconded** the motion. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.