



Recommendation:  
**that Senate approve the proposal to introduce a BA Minor in World Language Studies  
in the Faculty of Arts and Science with an implementation date of 1 September 2010.**

Proposed by: [Redacted]



## **Senate Budget Review Committee**

Report to Senate – May 12, 2010

### **Proposal to establish a Minor in World Language Studies**

#### **Introduction**

The Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC) met to discuss the Proposal to establish a Program – Minor in World Language Studies on May 3, 2010 and again on May 10, 2010.

#### **Analysis and Discussion**

The committee met on May 3 to review the proposed program Minor in World Language Studies. The proposal did not seem to be very well written and left doubts about the Academic merit and adequacy of resources. Although the proposal indicated there would not be any additional costs surrounding the new program there was a report from the library suggesting otherwise. No one from the program was present to address these concerns so the questions remained unresolved.

SBRC met again on May 10 but this time they were joined by Jill Scott (Dept of German) and John Pierce (Assistant Dean, Studies). Dr Pierce shared the 3 purposes behind the program. 1) raise the profile of languages at Queen's, 2) provide new educational opportunities, and 3) experiment in collaboration (draw languages together). He stated that there will be no new courses offered and no new instructors hired. The administration for the program will be the responsibility of the Dept of German but if required would be handled by the faculty office.

The discussion shifted to the library report. Dr Pierce felt the existing resources in the library were adequate to support the new program since the courses are already being offered. When asked if demand could be raised if all the students were concentrated in one of the three languages mentioned (Arabic, Chinese or Japanese) the response was that intake levels could be monitored to make sure this would not happen. Dr Scott said that it was rare for universities to have library staff fluent in all these languages. If demand for the new program continued the Faculty

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**PART A**

**1. OBJECTIVES:**

Please summarize the rationale for introducing this program. The program should be consistent with the Queen's mission, the academic plans of the unit including its teaching and research strengths, the relation of the unit with other academic units and the standards, educational goals and learning objectives of the degree. Explain how this program will achieve the expected academic quality. Please identify the Faculty, School or Department, which will be administratively responsible for the academic aspects of this program such as supervision of each student.

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4. **TEACHING:**

Briefly explain how the intended learning objectives are achieved through the teaching activities.

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With the addition of courses in Arabic, the diversity of languages offered at Queen's has increased. The Minor in World Language Studies seeks to highlight the importance of language learning and to



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through collections developed for the Departments of Classics, Jewish Studies, French, German,  
and Spanish and Italian.







**6. SIGN-OFF**

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