

From: Roszkowski, Christie
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 11:23 AM
To: Steve Mullin
Cc: Fopay, Janet
Subject: RE: change to FLS requirement

Hi Steve:

Thank you for providing input on the foreign language proposal. I will share your email with the Council and thus with the University community through the CAA minutes.

Christie Roszkowski

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Mullin [mailto:sjmullin@eiu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 3:53 PM
To: Roszkowski, Christie
Cc: Fischer, Bud (Robert)
Subject: change to FLS requirement

Dear Christie,

I have read over the memo from Steve Canfield re. the proposal to change the FLS requirement for graduation from 2 to 3 semester's worth of course work (with a variety of options for placing out of this requirement). I oppose this change as it is being proposed and suggest that FLS consider alternatives.

Students in the College of Sciences (CoS) are already asked to include a large component (30 %) of their 120 SH in courses outside their respective majors. This means that these students cannot take advantage of the opportunities available from having such a broad variety of faculty expertise within their respective majors. By being asked to complete another semester's worth of Foreign Language, the student is being denied the opportunity to take a class (i.e., an elective within the major) that might better prepare him/her for a particular profession.

I suggest that FLS consider leaving the foreign language requirement as it currently stands (2 semesters of course work). Alternatively, students outside the sciences could be asked to complete more than 2 semesters worth of foreign language classes. But, to add this additional burden to students majoring in CoS departments is unreasonable and unnecessary for their future success.

Just a few thoughts,

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