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Re: Language Instruction Coordinating Committee

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as members of the Language Instruction Coordinating Committee. I especially appreciate that Barbara Sawrey and Clark Gibson have agreed to co-chair this new committee.

Although consensus was never reached on the recommendations that were put forth in the October 2006 report of the Senate-Administration Advisory Committee on Language Instruction, a recurring theme throughout the Advisory Committee's discussions was the critical need for better communication among the units that offer language instruction and with the various campus entities that are clients of language instruction. This point was not disputed in the Senate and campus review of the Advisory Committee report, and I believe this is an area where we can act to bring about improvements.

After consulting with the Senate, the Language Instruction Coordinating Committee (LICC) is being formed to serve as a vehicle for communication among the units that offer language instruction and their various clients. The LICC will focus primarily on organizational and administrative matters that impact the teaching of languages. The primary goal is to establish a forum for communication on issues of mutual interest in hopes that this collaboration will help to ensure the adequate coverage of languages, the smooth transition between courses in the same language that are taught by different units, and elimination of redundancy in instruction so that limited resources can be used more effectively and efficiently.

We anticipate that the LICC will meet roughly once per quarter, and you will soon be contacted about your availability for a meeting during fall quarter. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the LICC's charge in more detail. Again, thank you for agreeing to participate in this new endeavor.

With best regards,

Paul W. Drake
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