

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:** L. Dorsey, T. Breitbach, Jean Marie Cox, P. Dotson, E. Gockel-Blessing, J. Haugen, J. Helton, G. Lopiccolo, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, S. McGahan, G. Merys, N. Mispagel, J. Nichols, B. Perlman, D. Pike, J. Rust, S. Sell, S. Steadman, L. Sweetman, C. Thomas, M. Toups

**Absent/Excused:** M. Cope, E. Crowell, Fr. Rozier, S. Tyuse

**Call to Order:** Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

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### **Theological Studies** – Gary Barker, PhD.

This major is the same major we have in STL now being offered in Madrid.

### **Modern Language and Intercultural Communication** - Gary Barker, PhD

This currently exists as a minor and is now being proposed as a major due to student demand in Madrid. There are three levels of language acquisition and course work is drawn from a communication perspective. The intercultural experience is reflected in a capstone course. This is a combined proposals for both campuses St. Louis and Madrid. This proposal received support from the business school in Madrid. The business school in St. Louis was not consulted.

Comments:

- Could a student test out of 18 credits which is 56% of the course work?  
Yes
- The word proficiency implies a little more expertise.
- The level of detail is not very clear.
- One of the attributes is a business course. If the attribute is required, Chair approval is required. Both parties sign off on the attribute.
  - Whoever's course it is owns the attribute.
- Does Madrid have the capability to do a market analysis? Is there an assessment of need? Put the query forward so that we can better understand.
- Leadership determines the viability of the proforma.
- Make sure that UAAC chair reports to CADD about the resource needs.
  - Put a call out to leadership at large and leader can provide additional clarity.

### **Minors:**

#### **Linguistics** – Gary Barker, PhD

The change in this minor is an attempt to reinvent themselves and to rethink what their role will be at SLU. There is an interdisciplinary approach to this minor with new courses to be added.

Comments:

- This feels excitingly aggressive and not realistic within three years. There is a need among students who need linguistics in their credentialing as a second language requirement. This minor provides those opportunities to students.

#### **Micro-credentials** – Dr. Gary Barker, PhD

Beginning German Communication – Gary Barker

Communicating in German

Intermediate German Communication

Essential French

French Proficiency  
Intermediate French  
Conversational Chinese  
Conversational Spanish

The committee expressed the following concerns:

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