

USF Board of Trustees
December 3, 2015

Issue: New Ph.D. program in “**Linguistics and Applied Language Studies**” to be offered in the Department of World Language, College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed action: Approval

Executive Summary:

The proposed 55 credit post-masters Ph.D. program in *Linguistics and Applied Language Studies* prepares practitioners to use linguistic knowledge and theories to address real-world language problems. The program fulfills the “globalization” theme in the state’s academic areas of strategic emphasis (CIP 16.0102) preparing graduates to engage with the complex processes of globalization that involves interactions among multiple linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

The program also supports the USF's strategic plan as it is fully aligned with the Quality Enhancement Plan – “The Global Citizen's Project.” Graduates will be prepared for both academic positions, (over 270 per year advertised nationally 2012-15), as well as positions in the private sector which is increasingly seeking language expertise to help them connect with and serve diverse audiences. The program’s applied emphasis differentiates it from the one existing doctoral linguistics program in the SUS, which is more theoretical in nature (UF).

Financial Impact: None. The program will be supported through reallocation of existing departmental faculty and staff effort and the existing TA budget.

Strategic Goal(s) Item Supports:

- Student access, learning, and success through a vibrant, interdisciplinary, and learner-centered research environment incorporating a global curriculum.
- Research and scientific discovery to strengthen the economy, promote civic culture and the arts, and design and build sustainable communities through the generation, dissemination, and translation of new knowledge across all academic and health-related disciplines

Workgroup Review Date: November 12, 2015

Supporting Documentation Online (*please circle*): **Yes** **No**

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USF System or Institution specific: USF

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