January 10, 2012

TO: Lisa Vollendorf, Chair
    Academic Senate

FROM: Cecile Lindsay
     Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

SUBJECT: Certificates discontinuance request

Attached please find a request to discontinue the following certificate programs which are offered in the Department of Romance, German, Russian, Languages and Literatures:

Certificate in Asian American Studies
Certificate in Japanese Studies
Certificate in Russian and East European Studies

The proposed discontinuances, prepared in accordance with CSULB Policy Statement 95-01 Discontinuance of Academic Programs, were approved unanimously by the faculty of their respective departments and the College of Liberal Arts curriculum committee.

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Mark Wiley, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Janice Jackson, Curriculum Coordinator
MEMORANDUM

October 4, 2011
To: CLA EPCC
From: Dr. John Tsuchida
Re.: Certification in Japanese

The Department of Asian and Asian American Studies requests that the certificate program in Japanese be discontinued. The primary justification for discontinuing the certificate is that there have been very few students in the certificate program, probably due to the fact that the actual difference between the major and the certificate program is only 9 units*. Students who are willing to spend one more semester to take three courses have decided to double-major in Japanese; those who are not able to fulfill the 27 upper-division level requirement, after finding out that we do not offer a minor in Japanese, simply decide not to enter the program. The department believes that the Japanese program can attract more students by offering a less demanding minor program instead of the certificate program. We will submit a proposal for a Japanese minor program shortly.

*Major: 44 units, 8 of which are lower-level Japanese courses. Thirty-six units in upper-division courses are required: five required courses (15 units); four Japanese language-related courses (12 units); two Japanese civilization-related courses (6 units); and one Japan-related or intercultural communication course (3 units).

Certificate: Twenty-seven units in upper-division courses are required: five Japanese language courses (15 units) and four Japan-related courses (12 units).
Proposal for Program, Degree or Certificate Discontinuance

Please attach this completed form to your proposal for program discontinuance.

Initiating Department(s): Asian and Asian American Studies
College(s): CLA
Name of Proposed Program: Certificate in Asian American Studies
Contact Person(s): Barbara Kim
Phone: 562 985 7530  Email: bkim2@csulb.edu

Rationale for the discontinuance:

AAAS proposes to discontinue the certificate program in Asian American Studies due to the changes in regulations enacted by the U.S. Department of Education that may affect financial aid eligibility of students enrolled solely in a certificate program. The department will direct students enrolled in a B.A. degree program to pursue a second B.A. or a minor in ASAM. It will not offer the certificate as a “stand alone” option.

Impact on students currently enrolled:
None; we have no students currently enrolled in the ASAM certificate program.

Impact on faculty currently teaching in the program:
None.

Impact on staff currently needed for program implementation:
None.

Impact on space or other facilities currently used in the program:
None.

Library Resources (Please indicate if the department/program librarian was notified about this discontinuance and briefly explain if applicable resources are being reallocated to continuing programs.):

The department/program librarian has not been notified about this discontinuance, as it will have little impact on the reallocation of resources.
Proposal for Program, Degree or Certificate Discontinuance

Please attach this completed form to your proposal for program discontinuance.

Initiating Department(s): Asian and Asian American Studies

College(s): College of Liberal Arts

Name of Proposed Program: Certificate in Japanese Studies

Contact Person(s): Hiroko Kataoka Phone: X54030 Email: kdataoka@csulb.edu

Rationale for the discontinuance: No students in the program due to more interest in the major. (There have been many inquiries about a minor program rather than the certificate. We will work on creating a minor program shortly.)

Impact on students currently enrolled: no students are enrolled

Impact on faculty currently teaching in the program: none

Impact on staff currently needed for program implementation: none

Impact on space or other facilities currently used in the program: none

Library Resources (Please indicate if the department/program librarian was notified about this discontinuance and briefly explain if applicable resources are being reallocated to continuing programs.): Greg Armento has been notified. There are no resources to be reallocated.
September 21, 2011

TO: CLA EPCC Curriculum Committee

FROM: Lisa Vollendorf, Chair, RGRLL

Cc: Nancy Quam-Wickham, Chair, History
    Paul Laris, Chair, Geography
    Wayne Wright, Chair, Philosophy
    Teresa Wright, Chair, Political Science
    Barbara LeMaster, Chair, Anthropology
    Wade Martin, Chair, Economics
    Carl Fisher, Chair, Comparative World Literature & Classics

RE: Discontinuance of Russian and Eastern European Studies Certificate Program (RGR_CT01)

On behalf of all of the affected departments, the Department of Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures is requesting a discontinuance of the Russian and Eastern European Studies Certificate. Affected departments have been consulted, and all are in agreement regarding the need to discontinue the certificate.

This request has numerous justifications.

First and foremost, the program has no students in it. Over the past four years, we increasingly have seen students abandon the Certificate in favor of majors in other areas and also in favor of the minor in Russian.

Next, the changes to the Federal Financial Aid regulations for 2011-12 mandate that all certificates offer clear paths to employment or be linked to an undergraduate major. The Certificate in Russian and Eastern European Studies does not meet this important criterion and therefore students could not qualify for financial aid if they were enrolled in the program as a stand-alone certificate.

Most importantly, faculty involved in the certificate believe that CSULB offers students a panoply of curricula in numerous departments (including all of the departments involved in the current iteration of the certificate) that cover the topics currently addressed in the certificate. The lack of student enrollment in the certificate program over the last three years confirms that the certificate is no longer needed.
Proposal for Program, Degree or Certificate Discontinuance

Please attach this completed form to your proposal for program discontinuance.

Initiating Department(s): RGRLL

College(s): CLA

Name of Proposed Program: Certificate in Russian and East European Studies

Contact Person(s): Harold Schefski

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Email: Schefski@csulb.edu

Rationale for the discontinuance: Changes in federal financial aid mandate that a certificate program have a clear mandate for the job market or that it be tied to a current existing major. Student numbers have diminished to nearly zero for the past three years in this program because most students simply opt for the Russian minor, which allows them access to most of the same classes anyway.

Impact on students currently enrolled: Negligible (see above).

Impact on faculty currently teaching in the program: None (see above)

Impact on staff currently needed for program implementation: n/a

Impact on space or other facilities currently used in the program: n/a

Library Resources (Please indicate if the department/program librarian was notified about this discontinuance and briefly explain if applicable resources are being reallocated to continuing programs.):

n/a
Certificate in Russian and East European Studies (RGR CT01)

Russian and East European Studies has an interdisciplinary program which offers students interested in this field the opportunity to pursue courses leading to a Certificate in Russian and East European Studies. Courses used to meet this certificate requirement may be counted also, where applicable toward the General Education requirement and the major and teaching minor requirements of the cooperating departments. Interdisciplinary in concept, it covers the fields of anthropology, economics, geography, history, comparative literature, philosophy, political science and the Russian language. The expanding opportunities for careers and public service in foreign policy administration, international organization, international business activities, education and information for intercultural understanding, make it useful to organize studies leading to a certificate in this ever important part of the world. This will tend to enhance the students possibility for a career in business, education or government, and broaden the scope of understanding.

Requirements

1. A bachelors degree with an approved major;
2. A minimum of two semesters of a Slavic language;
3. 18 units selected from four of the disciplines listed below chosen in consultation with the students advisor. No more than six units of any one discipline shall apply toward the certificate;

   ANTH 331, 490*; C/LT 349, 428, 449; ECON 368, 490*; GEOG 318; HIST 341A, 341B, 441, 490*, 495*; PHIL 490*; POSC 306, 356, 357, 484, 497; RUSS 101A-B, 201A, 201B, 310, 312, 314, 410;

4. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all courses in the students approved certificate program.

*May be taken only when course work is applicable to Russian and East European Studies. Consultation with director of the center is required.