



College of Arts & Letters

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

College Undergraduate Committee – March 17, 2020

Attendance: Bump Halbritter, Angela Wendelberger, Chris Corneal, Sandra Deshors, Beth Judge, Quinn Moreno, Justin Wigard, Kristin Mahoney, Cristina Schmitt, Cara Cilano and Leann Dalimonte.

Guests: Patricia Spinner

Minutes: 03/17/2020– 3:30 – 5:00 Zoom

Meeting started at 3:35pm

1. Approval of the Agenda – Justin motioned, Kristin seconded, agenda approved unanimously.
2. Approval of 2/18/2020 Meeting Minutes – Chris motioned, Kristin seconded, minutes approved unanimously.
3. New Major – Patti Spinner
 - a. Possible title: Language for the Professions
 - i. A degree for working with speakers of second or other languages in education/government/nonprofit etc.
 - ii. Practical skillset for learning a language and culture
 - Searching for feedback
 - Mostly comprised of currently offered courses
 - b. New major geared towards the languages and working with people in other languages
 - i. A TESOL major would be too narrow and too small to sustain
 - Not enough courses in TESOL currently
 - c. No tracks or concentrations, but does have focus areas
 - d. Goal is to bring in new majors and not take away from others
 - e. Feedback:
 - i. Linguistics wanted more of a goal and focus to the major
 - Recommendation was to start as a minor
 - ii. Do peer institutions have similar successful programs?
 - iii. Can there be cross-listed courses, internships, or a certification instead of a major?
 - iv. Label as tracks so they're clear to students and identifies an outcome
 - v. Student/Scenario examples:
 - Spanish
 - Language teachers who want to teach abroad
 - Study abroad office, working with international students, international scholars, and refugees.
 - Solving language problems
 - Practical program that can applied to different fields
 - A. Teacher Education or Special Ed

