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Rationale for the program change in Linguistics

Apart from the two mandatory graduate seminars, course offerings in linguistics have been largely dependent on instructors' research interests. The proposed changes in the programme requirement for the linguistics field are intended to create a more coherent structure. In proposing a third obligatory seminar, we not only provide a better and more comprehensive covering of the discipline, but also a stronger and broader preparation for students before they undertake their respective specialization.

The three seminars are designed to cover issues which are commonly of interest to various approaches to linguistics, namely language variation, linguistic theory and applied linguistics. Moreover, the new structure will assure a beneficial rotation in faculty course proposals between individual research interest and necessary courses on skills building and basic training. Finally the changes assure that our graduates will have the necessary background formation to teach any subject area in linguistics at the undergraduate level.

REPORT TO SGS COUNCIL BY BERNARD KATZ,
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AT ITS MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2004, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DIVISION I APPROVED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE LINGUISTICS PROGRAM IN THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

(for approval)

The Graduate Department of French proposes to change the requirements for linguistic students in its MA and PhD programs.

The Division I Executive Committee approved:

- 1) the proposed course FRE1125H SEMINAIRE DE LINGUISTIQUE III: MORPHOLOGIE ET SEMANTIQUE for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies Calendar; and
- 2) the following changes to the program requirements for the MA and PhD degrees French Language and Literature, as of the 2004/05 academic year:
 - (i) that candidates for the MA in the field of French linguistics be required to complete FRE1125H in addition to FRE1103H and FRE1104H; and
 - (ii) that candidates for the PhD in the field of French linguistics be required to complete FRE1201H and, if they have not already done so, FRE1125H, FRE1103H, and FRE1104H.