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REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Action Requested: Approve the request by the University of Iowa to terminate the Doctor of Philosophy in Second Language Acquisition in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Council of Provosts and Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

Description of program. The PhD in Second Language Acquisition (SLA) supports the advanced study of non-native language learning by integrating the methodologies of varied academic disciplines, among them linguistics, psychology, psycholinguistics, sociology, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, conversation analysis, and education.

Reason for proposed termination. Student demand for this program has decreased, and there are currently no students enrolled in the program.

Effect on current students. There are currently no applicants or students in the program.

Application, Enrollment and Completion Trends.

	Applications	Enrollment	Completions
2023	0	1	1
2022	1	3	2
2021	1	5	2
2020	3	6	2
2019	13	8	2

Impact on resources. Faculty who are involved in the SLA program will continue to contribute to their academic units, ensuring that students have access to robust and high-quality educational pathways through other Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (DWLLC) graduate programs. The cost savings resulting from not filling vacant faculty positions in SLA will be redirected within DWLLC to support undergraduate and graduate programs that are experiencing growth.

Impact on workforce. No impact on workforce needs in the state is anticipated.

Alternative programs. There are no comparable programs elsewhere in the state.

Effective date of termination. Upon approval by the Board of Regents.