

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR LINGUISTICS

STRENGTHS:

- UAF offers the only BA/MA Linguistics Program and the only TESOL minor in Alaska.
- The program seeks innovative ways of meeting their students' needs.
- Faculty produce high-quality research and are successful in securing external funding.
- Excellent funding to support graduate students.
- Success with TESOL and SLATE/SLABEL offerings.
- Close partnerships with communities, many of which have led to external funding.
- Enrollment in the BA and MA has largely remained stable from FY 2015 to FY19.

WEAKNESSES:

- Instability of state funding which leads to a decline in enrollment.
- Attrition of faculty, which leads to difficulty in scheduling the courses that students need for graduation.
- Low graduation rate for the BA.
- There is a hesitancy or misalignment of goals in developing the BA for online delivery.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Prospect of continued research productivity with US Department of Education funding.
- Excellent distance delivery opportunity for SLATE/SLABEL MA concentration.
- Well-positioned for fruitful collaboration (BA to MA; SLATE/SLABEL; Indigenous Studies)
- Use the Start Here Finish Anywhere strategy to attract more students to the program; would need to expand asynchronous distance delivered courses for the BA program.
- Expansion of distance delivery option for BA degree.

THREATS:

- Faculty attrition due to fiscal instability at UA.
- Continued decline in state funding.
- Loss of faculty in departments that cross-list courses with LING.

CENTRALITY TO MISSION:

- UAF is the only campus in Alaska that offers BA and MA programs in Linguistics.
- Central to UAF mission.
- Addresses the UAF Core Themes: Educate, Research, Prepare, Connect, Engage.

INDICATORS OF QUALITY:

- Faculty are highly successful in research productivity.
- Prepares the workforce for Alaska.
- Excellent record of securing external funding.
- Fosters collaboration with other departments for interdisciplinary options.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS:

- The degree options are shared by many departments resulting in instructional cost savings for the department.
- Only ~1.5 FTEs as faculty share appointments with other programs.
- External funding provides support for many students.

	MAJORS	DEGREES
Linguistics BA	FY15: 26 FY19: 25	FY15: 4 FY19: 2
Applied Linguistics MA	FY15: 22 FY19: 24	FY15: 1 FY19: 8

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Linguistics BA :

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation w/ improvement plan (7 votes, 1 abstention)	continue efforts to increase enrollment, retention, and time to degree. Implement Start Here Finish Anywhere, which will require development of asynchronous distance courses. Continue collaboration with other units.	two years

Applied Linguistics MA :

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation (7 votes, 1 abstention)	continue to pursue grant funding opportunities	