

**American Sign Language (ASL) 2020-2021 Administrative
Response to APU/ADU (A)**

Program Review – Annual Program/Discipline Update

Administrative Response and Follow Up

2020-2021

Program/Discipline: American Sign Language

SAC Chair(s): Mish Ktejik

SAC Administrative Liaison: Julie Kopet

Other Division Dean(s):

Department Chair(s): Mish Ktejik

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This section is for Administration to provide feedback.

To be prepared by Division Dean(s) and reviewed by DOI(s).

1. Strengths and successes of the program as evidenced by the data, analysis and reflection: This past year has been very challenging for ASL faculty. None of them had taught on-line or remotely before and the transition was difficult for some. We were able to cap the classes at 15 which seemed to help some. Students expressed how hard it was to learn to sign via zoom. However, there is still strong interest in ASL courses and there is a strong demand for ASL Interpreters in the country.

The SAC redid the CCOGS and the curriculum this past year and they will be monitoring all classes to see outcomes, student success rates and instructor observations.

We were able to hire a new full-time faculty member. We are very excited to have a third full-timer. It will add to the stability of the department and distribute some of the work that Mish has had to carry on her own.

2. Areas of challenge or concern, if any: We would like to increase the diversity of our student population in our ASL classes. I suggest seeking help and advice from our new student services departments to further inform and recruit BIPOC students. Also, it needs to be clarified to advising that ASL is not an “easy” course. Those expectations from students could be contributing to attrition.

 X Follow up conversation needed with SAC, Dept Chair(s) and Dean

3. Additional comments/questions:

I want to compliment the work that Mish has done since becoming department chair. Her hard work, organizational skills and follow through have made big and important changes to the department. I also compliment the proposed objectives outlined in the planning section. I hope that having another full-timer can increase the visibility of the program to the community.

As mentioned in the APU, I think that retention will be a focus. We support more resources for tutoring or other retention practices.

As I am retiring the new program dean will be Andrew Roessler. He will continue to support ASL.