

Program Review – Annual Program/Discipline Update
Administrative Response and Follow Up
2020-2021

Program Name: Interpretation - ASL/English

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Program SAC Chair(s): Mish Ktejik

Classes/Services offered at: SY

First of all I would like to thank Mish Ktejik for her work on this program update. She has had a heavy load with the pandemic and loss of face to face classes. I so appreciate all that she does for the Interpretation - ASL/English program.

1. Strengths and successes of the program as evidenced by the data, analysis and reflection:
 - Very high pass rate across the program
 - Course revisions (intro of new proga)
 - Not a significant drop in enrollment in 2019-2020 in spite of Covid closure
 - FDC organizing the SAC
 - Implementation of group advising sessions to support completion of the program
 - Development of checklists and information added to the student handbook
 - National data shows high need for interpreters
 - Strong advisory committee
 - Strong FDC
 - Dual credit classes

2. Areas of challenge or concern, if any:

- Teaching remotely is not a good pedagogical practice for sign language. We had to reduce class size to 15 student to facilitate learning
- Internships (required for graduation) have not been available. Students who cannot complete are piling up as the terms go by.
- Completion rates have dropped, due to the lack of internships and advising
- New FDC was not properly trained and had a big learning curve.

3. Reflection on goals and resources:

- Continue to advise students toward completion
- We hired a part-time internship coordinator. We continue to look for remote opportunities for internships
- We want to return to face-to-face instruction as soon as the college permits
- We were just able to hire a new full-time faculty member. This will add strength and depth to the program

4. Recommended next steps:

Proceed as planned on program review schedule

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

5. Additional comments/questions:

The Interpretation - ASL/English program is an important part of the college. Now that we have 3 full-time faculty we should be able to grow the program and increase enrollment. This year has been very difficult for all of the faculty. Many were not skilled with technology and had to learn skills while teaching. They have all worked hard to continue to offer high quality classes.