**Summary from Academic Planning Committee for Faculty Senate on 1-18-2024**

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(1) The APC held for discussions and voting on 11 am October 31st, 2023 for the intent to plan a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall University.

* After minor suggestions, the APC recommended the approval intent to plan a Bachelor of Science in Political Science.

(2) The APC held for discussions and voting on 11 am November 2nd 2023 for the below programs:

* BA in Humanities
* BA in History
* BA in Sociology (includes Anthropology major)
* Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
* BA in the Arts
* BS in Biological Science
* BS in Health Sciences
* Regent’s Bachelor of Arts (RBA)

Each of these programs submitted a comprehensive five-year Program Review. Based upon careful evaluation of these reviews, the APC voted to recommend that each continue at its current level of activity.

(3) The APC met December 12 at 11:00 am in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center for 2 purposes:

* (i) Review and vote for Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Intent to Plan proposal and
* (ii) Voting on the program review for the BA in Foreign Languages.

* The APC approved the Intent to plan for the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS).
* Based upon careful evaluation, the APC recommends the BA in Foreign Languages program not continue at its current level of activity but rather be improved “….through advancements in efficiency, quality, productivity, and focus.”

**Additional detailed Notes by the APC Chair (not to be presented):**

Note that on November 13 the Faculty Senate Executive Committee removed the program review called “BA in Sociology (including Anthropology major” from SR 23-24-15 APC. That was done because it wasn’t clear if the Anthropology major was in fact a separate degree program, or just a 2nd major in the Sociology degree program.  As a result the BA in Sociology was delayed until the January 8 meeting instead. Also the BA in Foreign Languages was submitted by COLA after the November 13 meeting. It also will be presented to the Faculty Senate Executive in the January 8 meeting for a vote.  Delaying these two program reviews is not a problem as they will be finished being approved at Marshall by the end of January in time to be sent to the HEPC for approval in February/March.

**Some items mentioned about the 5 year program review that may have contributed to the rating on BA in Foreign Languages (not to be presented):**

* Overall, lacking assessment data & incorrect assessment data provided.
* Latin and French enrollments low, missing assessment data (Japanese and Spanish classes are very strong at all levels)
* Lack of detailed and realistic “Plans for Program Improvement.” How will declining enrollments be addressed?
* The budget information in the cost of program delivery is nearly incomplete.
* The department currently operates as several siloed mini-departments.