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Re: Executive Summary of the Review of the Academic Programs in the Department of Languages,
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Listed below is a brief update on the progress to date on the recommendations in the implementation plans for the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

Recommendation 1:

The SCPRC recommends that the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures complete a curriculum review of all of its courses in conjunction with the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The purpose of the curriculum review would be to identify potential gaps in preparing students for upper level courses in literature and/or culture.

reduce the language proficiency gap within the Plan (increased discussion and understanding during the course while still increasing their knowledge in the language through writing in the language).

Italian and Spanish had already incorporated English versions of the literature and culture courses prior to 2011 and before the amalgamation of the two departments. The English version of these courses were then switched to the LLCU courses being developed follow this model.

The renaming of these Plans and the literature and culture courses taught in English thus eliminated the comprehension issue while maintaining the integrity of the Plans.

Another potential gap in the Spanish/Hispanic Studies Plans which was identified was the oral language proficiency gap between second and third year students taking Spanish and the lack of experience speaking the language.

be placed in the Arts and Science Calendar and PeopleSoft in time for first-year students to participate in Plan Selection in May.

The Department worked closely with the Centre for Teaching and Learning during the development of objectives, anticipated program learning outcomes and career paths suitable for graduates in the new Major in Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

Since the Self Study the Department had one of the Linguistic Instructors retire (H. Yukseker, June 30, 2014) and was given approval to hire a tenure track Linguist (B. Bjorkman). The Plans in Linguistics are currently being reviewed and two new courses have been approved. LLCU 110/3.0 (Linguistic Diversity and Identity) was offered to first year students Winter 2017 for potential Linguistics Plan students as well as a core option in the proposed Major in Languages, Literatures and Cultures. The enrolment for this course was 150 students. The other new course LING 400/3.0 (Linguistic Analysis and Argumentation), was also offered as an Option course in the Linguistics Major Fall 2016

In Winter 2016 The Department collaborated with the International Programs Office for the modification of the International Studies Certificate. It was modified from 10.0 units to 15.0 units and was restructured with an increased emphasis on the study abroad experience, and on cultural and intercultural studies. The modified Certificate emphasizes the study abroad experience with 6.0 Core units, whereas this provision was an Option in the original Certificate. Students can apply 6.0 units from their first (or upper) year program at the Bader International Study Centre (BISC), courses they have taken on exchange, or the study abroad experiences offered through Art History, Global Development Studies or LLCU. The Option portion of the Certificate requires students to take a 3.0 unit language course and complete 6.0 units from the many cultural courses in LLCU to develop the students' global and intercultural awareness.

The Department is in the process of submitting the Application for two new Certificates in collaboration with Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre:

- 1) Certificate in Indigenous Languages and Cultures
The Certificate in Indigenous Languages and Cultures builds on the current offerings already in place within the department. Currently, students can take up to 9.0 Units in Indigenous languages, including MOHK 101/3.0 Mohawk Language and Culture I (formerly LLCU 101/3.0 Mohawk I), MOHK 102/3.0 Mohawk Language and Culture II (formerly LLCU 102/3.0 Mohawk II) and (INUK 101/3.0 Inuktitut Language and Culture I (formerly LLCU 101/3.0

The Department also introduced three on-line courses

