August 22, 2023

Andrea Horrigan, Department Chair
Modern Languages

Dear Andrea Horrigan,

Thank you for all the work you put into completing your comprehensive program review. It has been reviewed by the College Planning Committee and the Executive Team. The College Planning Committee feedback is attached. Below, you will find comments, commendations, and recommendations from the Executive Team. These are provided for incorporation into your annual program planning processes. Typically, recommendations require planning improvements that will be implemented over time. Thus, in your subsequent annual mini reviews, you will want to provide updates on progress made towards addressing these recommendations.

Comments:

- The Modern Languages program at Ventura College prepares students with communication skills and provides an understanding of a variety of cultures. These courses also provide the instruction necessary to develop proficiency skills in aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing.
- The VC Modern Language department offers a large variety of options for learning languages and cultures, including Spanish, Japanese, German, Italian, ASL and French.
- The Modern Languages program has experienced reduced enrollments – likely due to the pandemic – and the program is facing possible reductions in enrollments as AB 928/CalGETC is ushered in in 2025.

Commendations:

1. The Modern Languages program has successfully worked to increase online training for instructors, gained more tutoring support, and piloted new software (Lingua Meeting) to assist students with practicing a language online and in hybrid classes.
2. The new Spanish AA-T degree has the potential to assist VC with increasing its degree awards due to its creation and implementation.

Recommendations:

3. Through engagement in professional development, identify successful strategies and best practices for incorporating more distance education options for language classes. Consider CVC/POCR training for full and part-time faculty.
4. Work with the VCEC Dean to offer more Dual Enrollment courses and courses at the VCEC campus.

5. The program appears to have eliminated American Sign Language from the schedule. Please assess if this is something we should bring back to the college or continue to sunset, post-pandemic. Given how long this discipline has been offered at the college, it is imperative we better understand the impact before deciding based on pandemic impacts.
6. The department should align the unit count in all languages to correlate with C-ID, other sister colleges, and future legislation (e.g. AB 1111).

CPC's overall recommendation is to **strengthen the program**, to which I concur. Thank you again for your dedicated work in improving outcomes for our students.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ron Mules, Dean of Student Learning
    Jennifer Kalfsbeek-Goetz, Vice President of Academic Affairs

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CPC Program Review Feedback Form - Modern Languages

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Q2 - What is this program doing well?

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It helps students develop better cultural awareness.

Providing language and cultural competencies that serve students well both academically and in their personal lives Adding language software to help with student success - needs campus fiscal support for this

The program is doing well on offering a large variety of options for learning languages and cultures. These courses are important to our education master plan due to their inclusivity and appreciation for diverse perspectives and cultures.

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Q3 - What could this program improve upon?

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The SWOT analysis was a bit lacking. A major weakness that was not listed is the large decline in course success rates. A major threat to the program seems to be the large decline in enrollment from 1,992 in 2017-2018 to 1,378 in 2021-2022.

Identifying successful strategies and best practices for incorporating more distance education options for language classes.

Teaching language online appears to have its challenges based on the review but focusing on how this could improve could help with enrollment. New online tools and software could help in improving the online learning experience and are likely needed.

Course offerings- ASL is being omitted from the schedule for fall (WHAT??) This is a language course that works for those who have language barriers/learning disabilities. And the name Modern Languages includes many more languages than Spanish...

Q6 - How well do the program's objectives align with the VC Educational Master Plan?

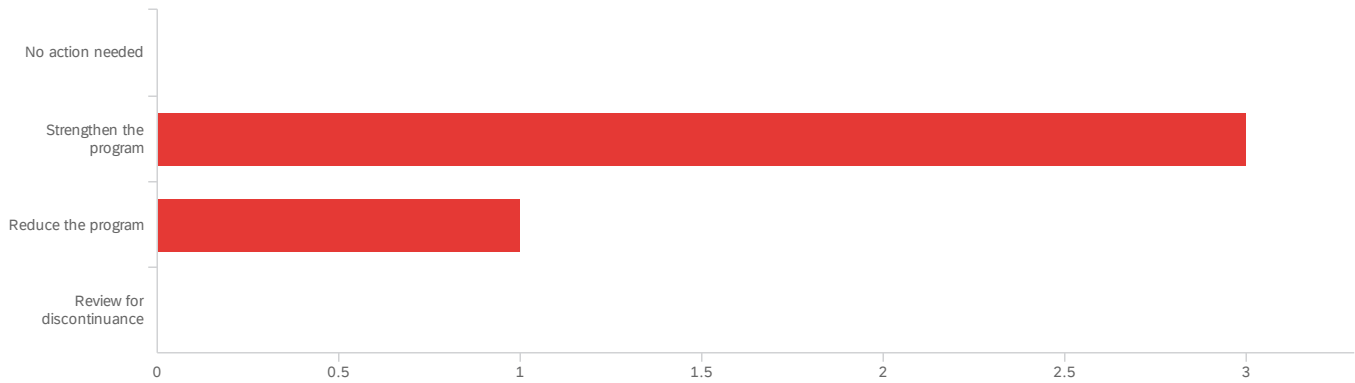How well do the program's objectives align with the VC Educational Master P...

The program aligns with the educational master plan. If the demand for some language classes are low, it might be a better use of resources to expand in areas where there are demand.

Aligns well with increasing access to transfer

The program's objectives align well with increasing the success of our students while closing equity gaps. Education in language and culture is essential to this.

Not very good since they are omitting ASL

Q8 - I recommend the following course of action for this program:

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1	I recommend the following course of action for this program:	2.00	3.00	2.25	0.43	0.19	4

#	Field		Choice Count
1	No action needed	0.00%	0
2	Strengthen the program	75.00%	3
3	Reduce the program	25.00%	1
4	Review for discontinuance	0.00%	0
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