

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5.U**

**DATE: May 12, 2015**

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**SUBJECT: New Prefix Request – SDSU**

South Dakota State University has submitted a request for authorization to use the course prefix ESL (English as a Second Language) currently approved for use at BHSU and USD (see Attachment I). Listed below are the courses that SDSU is authorized for regarding English as a Second Language using the ENGL prefix:

- **ENGL 003 – English as a Second Language: Grammar Review and Intermediate Composition (COM) Credits: 3**  
Conversation, listening, and reading comprehension, vocabulary and idioms, grammar review and intermediate composition
  
- **ENGL 013 – English as a Second Language: More Complex Structural Patterns and Advanced Composition (COM) Credits: 3**  
Conversation, listening, and reading comprehension, vocabulary and idioms, more complex structural patterns, and advanced composition. Prerequisites: ENGL 003 or placement.
  
- **ENGL 023 – English as a Second Language: Listening and Reading, Grammar, Comprehension (COM) Credits: 3-5**  
A multi-skills course preliminary to ENGL 003 and ENGL 013. Reading and listening comprehension, vocabulary building, pronunciation, grammar and sentence structure, and formal and informal written and spoken English. A major focus will be written and oral sources. Prerequisites: Placement or permission of the instructor. May be required instead of or in addition to other English courses.
  
- **ENGL 099 – English As a Second Language (COM) Credits: 3**  
Concentrated study in aspects of the English language and the culture of its speakers. Designed for students who do not speak English as their native language.

AAC representatives should be prepared to raise issues.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discussion and Recommendation.



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FROM: Laurie Stenberg Nichols, Ph.D. *Laurie Stenberg Nichols*  
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DATE: May 14, 2015

SUBJECT: New Prefix Request for SDSU: ESL (English as a Second Language)

The purpose of this memo is to request authorization for South Dakota State University to use the course prefix ESL (English as a Second Language) currently approved for use at BHSU and USD. Historically English as a Second Language courses have been offered under the ENGL (English) prefix at SDSU. However, with the establishment of the English Language and Culture Institute, SDSU is requesting the use of the ESL prefix to more accurately reflect the content of the courses and align with other institutions in the system that also deliver courses for English language learners. Moreover, the use of the ESL prefix will help students locate the courses associated with the ESL program, improve tracking of the courses offered, and provide a more accurate reflection of the program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

CC: Mary Kay Helling, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs