



Language Keystone Town Hall

October 21, 2015

Issues we address today

- Language requirement in the Keystones.
- Ensuring Arch Proposal General Education curriculum **is no larger than** 10 courses.
- Ensuring Arch Proposal is consistent with the Pillars, Ramapo Mission, and Middle States Guidelines.
- Sketch out upcoming activities & timeline

3 Options regarding **Language**

- We are exploring three options for **Language** in the General Education:
- Option 1. our current Language proposal
- Option 2. revising the current Language proposal
- Option 3. replacing the current Language proposal

Option 1 (current option, from May 2015 proposal)

Current proposal features a **Language Category**—students study a language other than English for **one semester**.

- Students who test at or below *Intermediate I* take **one course** at the appropriate level.
- Students who test above *Intermediate I* are exempted.

Option 2 Revised Keystone category: Language and Global Awareness

- Students who test at or below *Intermediate I* take **one course** at the appropriate level.
- Students who test above *Intermediate I* take **one course** from from a narrow category of 100/200 level courses appropriately addressing intercultural understanding and diversity.

Option 3 Replace Keystone “**Language**” altogether. Students fulfill new category, “**Global Awareness**,” choosing **one** of the following:

- **EITHER:**

- A language course, depending on placement.

- **OR**

- A **non-language** course from a narrow category populated with 100/200 level courses appropriately addressing intercultural understanding and diversity.

Option 3 continued...

Replacing **Language** Keystone necessitates replacing one Arch goal with a “**Global Awareness**” goal.

- Current **Language Goal**: “Demonstrate skill in a language other than English, while also gaining an understanding of other cultures.”
- **Global Awareness Goal** reads:
“Demonstrate intercultural understanding required to effectively negotiate a diverse global society.”

Next Town Hall: October 28

- Open forum following Oct. 28 Faculty Assembly
- Faculty surveys on *Distribution* and *Language* (very soon!)
- Additional comments and feedback? – Please contact your unit representative.
- Revised proposal, November.
- Vote, Dec. 2015

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