

**TO: Steve Woolpert, Dean
School of Liberal Arts**

**FROM: Tom Poundstone, Chair
Academic Senate**

DATE: October 23, 2009

**RE: Senate Action S-09/10-3
Senate Resolution re: Closure of
The Studies for International and Multilingual Students (SIMS) Program**

At the October 22, 2009 General Meeting of the Academic Senate, the Senate approved the following Resolution regarding the September 1, 2009 decision to close the Studies for International and Multilingual Students (SIMS) Program by a vote of 7-2-1. This action was assigned Senate Action # S-09/10-3.

Be it resolved, that the Academic Senate request that the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts (SOLA) rescind his decision of 1 September to close the Studies for International and Multilingual Students (SIMS) program until such time as his proposal has had a thorough vetting according to the Process for the Discontinuance of an Academic Department or Program as outlined in the *Faculty Handbook* (section 2.8.5.2.2-3):

2. Proposals for discontinuing a department or program are to be submitted in writing to the Undergraduate Educational Policies Committee (UEPC) or Graduate & Professional Studies Educational Policies Committee (GPSEPC) during the academic year but no later than March 1st. Once a proposal is received, the committee will meet with (1) the Provost, or the Vice Provost for that program, (2) the Dean of the department's or program's school, (3) the department chair or program director, (4) the department/program faculty, and (5) a Program Review Committee representative. The committee chair will then bring forward to the Academic Senate either a) a recommendation for discontinuance or b) recommendation against discontinuance.
3. The Senate will consider and take action on the recommendation of the UEPC or GPSEPC.

cc: Br. Ronald Gallagher
Provost Beth Dobkin
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