

During the Faculty Senate Meeting on Monday, September 8, the Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (LLCL) raised concern that they were not consulted about the two new courses (CAI 4223 and CAI 4304) that the EECS Department is seeking to create. These two courses were part of the UUPC Consent Agenda.

The email thread below shows that after we reached out, the LLCL Department Chair circulated our proposed syllabi to the LLCL faculty, and that the faculty and department were supportive of our two new courses.

Now that we have the requested approval, are we able to continue moving these two new courses forward into the course catalog?

Best,
Mike

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Subject: Re: Two New Courses from the College of Eng. and CS

Thank you so much Eric.

Best,

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Subject: Re: Two New Courses from the College of Eng. and CS

Dear all,

Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Lit (LLCL) has, after consultation, no objection to the approval of these courses. My faculty agreed that it would be ideal if LIN 3010 (Intro to Linguistics) were a pre-req or co-req for these courses, though they are not demanding it. If courses like this, with a Linguistics basis, are to be taught out of ENG and Computer Science, it is to be hoped that more collaboration were to exist between our departments (such as the forthcoming Computer Science + Linguistics degree).

Thank you,

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From: Eric Berlatsky <eberlats@fau.edu>

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Subject: Re: Two New Courses from the College of Eng. and CS

Hello Mehrdad, et. al.,

I have forwarded these (with some explanation) to my Linguistics faculty. We will know soon if there is any objection. I am not expecting one.

Sincerely,

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From: Mehrdad Nojournian <mnojournal@fau.edu>

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Subject: Re: Two New Courses from the College of Eng. and CS

Hi Eric,

Here are 2 links to share with your department:

<https://www.fau.edu/uupc/documents/materials/2025/april-21-2025/cai-4223.pdf>

<https://www.fau.edu/uupc/documents/materials/2025/april-21-2025/cai-4304.pdf>

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: Two New Courses from the College of Eng. and CS

Hello Mehrdad,

Any chance you can send me the proposed syllabi in an email? It's easier to forward to my faculty that way. I can dig up the links in the Senate Agenda if I must—but if you have them easily to hand—I would love it if you email me.

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Subject: Two New Courses from the College of Eng. and CS

Hi Eric,

Thanks for your feedback during the Senate meeting. You stated that you don't have any objections, and I'm assuming that you might have feedback for us.

Could you please reply to this message and confirm if your department doesn't have any objections? We would be happy to hear any feedback you might have.

Thanks,

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