



Date: November 5, 2021

To: Hossein Saiedian, University Senate President
Faculty in the Department
Barbara A. Bichelmeyer, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

From: Karen Moeller, Chair Academic Policies and Procedure committee

Re: Program Discontinuance in the Department of Classics

In Accordance with University Senate Rules and Regulations USRR 8.2, the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee (AP&P) has reviewed the documentation and held an open public hearing on September 29, 2021, regarding the recommendation to discontinue the following active programs in the Department of Classics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas:

- BA/BGS in Classical Antiquity
- BA/BGS in Classical Languages
- Minor in Classics

In the submitted documentation titled “Recommendations for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program”, the Classics department outlines it plans to consolidate the above majors into one major, BA/BGS in Classics, with five concentrations consisting of Classical Languages, Latin, Greek, Archeology and Art, and Classical Humanities. This is expected to be approved in October 2021, with the first admit term in Spring 2022. Additionally, two new minors, Classical Languages and Classical Antiquity, will replace the Classics minor. These minors are approved with the first admit term in Fall 2021. The department feels these changes will allow students greater flexibility in courses, better accommodate the BGS and help facilitate double-majoring across the University.

At the public hearing on September 29, 2021, one faculty member spoke in support of these changes. One written statement was provided to the committee.

On October 22, 2021, the AP&P Committee met to discuss the submitted documentation and the hearing. AP&P recommends by a majority vote that the BA/BGS in Classical Antiquity, BA/BGS in Classical Languages and Minor in Classics be discontinued.

The recommendation to discontinue is made with the understanding that students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees. Additionally, no faculty or staff will be terminated by this action. The committee agrees the planned changes are in the best academic interests of the University and adequate provisions have been made for present students and for the rights of faculty and staff in the program.

Documentation Reviewed by the Committee:

1. Recommendation for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program, August 2021
2. Program Review, February 2020

C: John Colombo, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences