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College of Arts & Sciences Linguistics Studies Program records

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Creator: Linguistics Department (1978-1985)

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Provenance: Transferred to the University Archives by Professor Tim Austin in 1990.

Separations: Eleven issues of "The Linguistics Program Student Bulletin," November 1981 to April 1984, were filed with the University publication collection. Duplicates were removed and disposed of.

See Also: College of Arts & Sciences – Office of the Dean records.

Administrative History

In 1978, Fr. Lawrence Biondi, Chairman of the Modern Languages Department, Professor Tim Austin of the English Department, and Professor Amparo Ojeda of the Anthropology Department submitted a proposal to establish an interdisciplinary program in Linguistics Studies. Linguistics courses were previously offered at Loyola in the late 1960's and 1970's through the Modern Languages Department. The 1978 proposal would create a major in Linguistics Studies by offering courses from the Anthropology, English, Modern Languages, Classical Studies, and Psychology Departments. The Academic Council of the College of Arts & Sciences approved the proposal in the Fall of 1979. In January 1980, Professor Austin was appointed the Director of the Linguistics Studies Program, and the Linguistics Studies Advisory Committee was formed.

The Linguistics Studies Program's first courses were offered in the fall 1980 semester. In September 1981, the Academic Council approved a minor in Linguistics Studies, and the first Linguistics Studies major graduated in 1982. In 1983, the Program began offering its own courses, without the sponsorship of another department. An Honors Program in Linguistics Studies was also established. The Advisory Committee met regularly during this time and organized special events, such as lectures by visiting linguists.



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In September 1984, Professor Austin left Chicago to teach at Loyola's Rome Center and a temporary Program Director was appointed. When Professor Austin returned to Chicago in 1985, he became the Associate Director of Loyola University's Research Services and did not resume his position as Linguistics Program Director. There were difficulties finding an experienced faculty member with enough time to assume the Director's position, and in the spring of 1985, the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences closed the program.

Scope and Content

The Linguistics Studies Program records consist of 1 linear foot spanning the years 1969 through 1985. The records from 1969 through 1977 concern the Linguistics courses offered through the Modern Languages Department. There are some records of the 1978 proposal for the Linguistics Studies Program and of the Academic Council's acceptance of the proposal in 1979. Most of the records in the collection are from 1980 through 1984. These records include course descriptions, faculty directories, and the minutes of the Linguistics Studies Advisory Committee. Records generated by the program Director, Professor Austin, include the 1983 Director's Report and two files of general correspondence. Additional correspondence is found throughout the collection, and the Special Events file contains some correspondence with linguists at other universities. The records do not document the demise of the Linguistics Studies program. The processor received this information from Professor Austin in a telephone conversation on April 11, 1995. The files are arranged alphabetically and the records within each file are organized chronologically.

Subjects:

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