

February 26, 2026
25-26 CAPR 19

TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Committee On Academic Planning and Review

SUBJECT: 25-26 CAPR 19: Resolution in Support of the BA in Spanish

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

REQUEST: That the Senate distributed this resolution to the President and the faculty.

SCOPE OF ACADEMIC SENATE (check all that apply):

Instructional policies
Curriculum development
Academic standards
Faculty appointments
Faculty, staff, and student involvement in university decision-making
Other (please specify): Senate policy

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

UPDATE: On March 30th, President Sandeen announced that the Spanish BA would be extended by one academic year to allow the program to undergo its scheduled five-year review through the standard program review process.

WHEREAS the duties of CAPR (cf. Article XVIII, Section 2.A of the Faculty Bylaws) include To review the Academic Master Plan of the University, to consider requests for revisions of that plan, and to make recommendations to the Academic Senate for the adoption of each annual phase of revision of the Academic Master Plan; and

WHEREAS CAPR is the only Committee of the Academic Senate having duties related to the Academic Master Plan according to the Faculty Bylaws; and

WHEREAS the BA Spanish program had a [substantial curricular revision](#) for the 2025-26 Catalog, consistent with [the most recent five-year review of the program](#); and

WHEREAS the BA Spanish program was advertised as an online degree completion program for the 2025-26 academic year and continues to be advertised that way for the upcoming recruitment cycle;

WHEREAS the Focused Program Review Task Force relied on data for the 2024-25 academic year and prior; and

WHEREAS updated data is now available for the 2025-26 academic year; and

WHEREAS that updated data shows that BA Spanish had 12 new transfers in the fall and 3 new transfers in the spring, not including double-majors; and

WHEREAS, CAPR is scheduled to perform a five-year review of the BA Spanish program in the 2026-2027 academic year;

Be it therefore

RESOLVED, to maintain purview enumerated in the Faculty Bylaws, CAPR calls upon the Academic Senate and the Executive Committee to refer all documents related to the Academic Master Plan to CAPR prior to consideration by the Senate;

RESOLVED, CAPR commends the BA Spanish program for adhering to the plan for curricular revisions to their program as indicated in their last five-year review;

RESOLVED, CAPR commends the program for having the only online degree completion BA Spanish program in the CSU system, making it especially valuable to California residents who are unable to attend in-person classes at a public university in the state;

RESOLVED, CAPR recognizes that the number of majors in the program jumped to 27 this year from 17 (not including double-majors) last year, with the FTES being 21 compared to 11 last year, likely due to the online modality;

RESOLVED, CAPR recognizes that the BA Spanish program has an abnormally large number of double-majors- 6 this year and 5 last year- especially for a program this size, who are excluded from the calculations above, but substantially contribute to the viability of the program;

RESOLVED, CAPR recognizes that the BA Spanish program consistently has a near-median cost amongst bachelor's degree programs at CSUEB (\$122.4/SCU this academic year);

RESOLVED, given the circumstances, CAPR will proceed with the BA Spanish Program's five year review next year in order to assess the program.

RESOLVED, CAPR recommends that the recommendation for discontinuation of the BA Spanish program be reevaluated.

UPDATE:

RESOLVED, CAPR strongly supports President Sandeen's decision to extend the Spanish BA by one academic year to allow the program to undergo its scheduled five-year review through the standard program review process.