Sign Language Interpretation Program Review

Second Follow-Up Report
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A task force was assembled in the Spring Term of 2006 to conduct a review of the Sign Language Interpretation AS/AAS degree Program. Listed below are the 5 task force recommendations followed by a brief report of progress toward implementation. This report will be followed by a progress report one year following the review. Recommendations that have not been achieved within 12 months will be incorporated with the biennial objectives of this program to ensure a continued focus on their attainment.

Recommendations

1. Bring the Sign Language Interpretation Program (SLIP) into compliance with the national interpreter education standards of the Conference of Interpreter Trainers (CIT) by July 2007.

   **Status of Recommendation:** Program faculty and advisory committee are in the investigation process so a report can be made to the president’s cabinet before going forward with the application for accreditation. *(Per the Presidents Cabinet November 21, 2006: Before going forward with the accreditation application the SLIP will investigate and report to the cabinet the pros/cons and cost related to accreditation to receive cabinet approval.)*

2. Review program related materials to assure accurate and consistent printed information.

   **Status of Recommendation:** Inaccuracies and inconsistencies have been corrected.

3. Accurately capture and document program enrollment and completion numbers through the use of specific gateway courses.

   **Status of Recommendation:** Program Manager started the orientation sessions Fall 2006 in the American Sign Language III (ASL III) courses to insure the AS.INTT program code. Students in program courses that can be use as electives for other degrees were included in the orientation sessions.
4. Strengthen program assessment and evaluation through a three-pronged data collection approach: graduates, employers and alumni.

   **Status of Recommendation:** Alumni survey has been completed and approved by Advisory committee. Draft of Graduate survey is near completion and the employer survey is not yet completed.

5. Research options for resources to improve and maintain state of the art equipment.

   **Status of recommendation:** Ongoing - Application is made annually for Carl Perkins funds and this year the program has again applied to receive Perkins funds for purchase of new equipment. As other resources are identified application will be made to obtain funding.