

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 63 (Foreign Language): **Change the name of the Department of
Foreign Languages to the Department of
Modern Languages and Literatures**

Effective Date: Fall 2015

- 1. The Department of Foreign Languages is requesting approval to change its name to the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.**

Impact: The new name will be a reflection of what the department does in its teaching, and is also how we wish the department to be perceived.

Rationale: This request is motivated by several factors. As a department we want to align to a greater degree with many other schools nationwide that have already moved to a more timely designation as a department of either modern or global languages and literatures. The term “foreign” is not reflective of current trends and carries for many contested meaning. We also want to add “literatures” to our name since we do not merely teach language but pride ourselves in teaching language and literatures, which for us also includes the cultures of our respective languages. The new name would be a reflection of what we do and how we perceive ourselves and will also send the message to anyone interested in our department of what we do.

The entire faculty of the department discussed the name change and voted unanimously to request this change and we received support from Provost Urgo and Dean Ashburn as well.