

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate

From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Colby Kervick, Co-Chair

Date: November 4, 2021

Re: Approval of a proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences for a no contest termination of the Latin Major and the Latin Language and Literature Minor

On November 4, 2021, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee unanimously approved a proposal from the Department of Classics in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) to terminate the Latin major and the Latin Language and Literature minor due to low enrollment. The no-contest termination was supported by The Chair of the Department of Classics, the Classics faculty, and the CAS Dean. The Classical Civilization major and minor will be retained and revised to mirror the degree pathways offered at Middlebury and elsewhere, which include separate civilization and language tracks within a single major and minor. The Curricular Affairs Committee reviewed the substantial revision to the Classical Civilization major and approved those changes at the same meeting that the committee reviewed this request for a no-contest termination of the Latin major and Latin Language and Literature minor.

These proposed terminations were unanimously approved by the Classics Department on September 3, 2021, and the CAS Curriculum Committee on September 8, 2021. They were also approved at the CAS Faculty meeting of September 14, 2021; there were two abstentions and no votes against. Zero public comment was received during the 30-day circulation of the proposal.

The termination is being proposed in response to persistently low enrollments in both the major and the minor, over recent years. Few students have a declared Latin major or minor at a given time: fewer complete the requirements needed to graduate with those credentials. With the simultaneous proposed revisions to the Classical Civilizations major and minor, the Department hopes to maintain the breadth of language offerings available at UVM, while reducing the number of under-enrolled courses, particularly at the upper level.

These proposed terminations will not affect the Greek and Latin MA program. There are no implications for loss of faculty or staff.

If approved by the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees, the no contest termination would go into effect during the 2022-23 catalog year.