RE: Minnesota Language Proficiency Assessment (MLPA) and Petition to Waive lower-division Spanish courses

Student Scholastic Committee:

The MLPA is a standardized language assessment tool created by CARLA and administered by Spanish faculty at UMR to students at UMR to assist in placing students in appropriate-level Spanish courses.

The MLPA administered by UMR to students will consist of two parts, a reading part and a listening part. The following guidelines indicate recommended placement for students in Spanish courses at UMR given their combined score on both reading and listening.

A score of 46 and above is an automatic placement into SPAN 1522. If the student feels he or she is prepared to place out of SPAN 1522 also, and move into SPAN 2521, the Spanish faculty will administer to him or her a Spanish Writing Assessment and an Spanish Oral Assessment. The results will be communicated to the student and his or her coach to discuss recommended placement within the Spanish course sequence.

A score of 26-45 equals placement into SPAN 1520. Students who test in this range have the option of registering for SPAN 1520 or SPAN 1521.

A score of 25 or below equals recommended placement into SPAN 1521. If the student feels he or she is stronger in writing and or speaking, a member of the Spanish faculty will administer, at the student's request, a Spanish writing assignment. The faculty member will then communicate the results of the assessment to the student and his or her coach to discuss recommended placement in SPAN 1521 or SPAN 1520.

Sincerely,

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