1. Please highlight any changes since you submitted your unit assessment enrollment trends of the units as of Fall 08.

Since we submitted the last unit assessment several changes have occurred. Student registration rose beyond expectations from 2009 to 2011. Linguistics 1 had over 50 students each semester. Accordingly, many students were not able to enroll in linguistics due to budget restraints that prevented the opening of an additional section of Linguistics 1.

2. What do you see as the strengths of each of your units?

There is one committed and experienced full-time faculty member in linguistics who enriches the student learning experience. He helps prepare students to transfer to four-year institutions. Linguistics 1 is a requirement for the AA degree in Spanish, a program that meets the needs of the community demographics and enriches their culture.

What do you see as the challenge?

An additional section of Linguistics 1 is needed to serve the ever increasing student population. Student registration in the last four years has been overwhelming, and dozens of students have not been able to enroll in linguistics due to lack of funding. The lack of a tutoring lab for linguistics hinders student success since they don’t have a place to practice and interact with qualified tutors/mentors. We would like to offer other courses in linguistics but limited budget and faculty restrict us.

3. How does your unit planning support the mission of the college?

The unit plans to further support the mission of the college by offering additional linguistics courses so students can complete their degrees and transfer requirements.

4. What are your visions for changes, revisions and growth?

Offering additional linguistics courses will help students satisfy general education requirements as well as prerequisites for majors and minors in linguistics at four-year institutions.

5. What resources are needed to support as well as to build the programs in your Department?

Facilities: a language laboratory
FTEF: more full-time and part-time faculty
Staff: tutors
Technology: computers, language software, and other supplies pertinent to the needs of the lab and classroom.

6. What is the status of SLO assessments in your department?

Linguistics 1 has recently been updated and SLOs for Linguistics 1 were assessed during the Fall 2012 semester.

7. What is the status of the course outlines of record and course updates in your department?

Linguistics 1 has been updated and approved by the Curriculum Committee.