Rationale for the revision to the Chinese minor (April 2010):
In 2008/2009, two new Chinese courses were created for Heritage Learners, 225 and 226. In the
catalog edits for the following year, these two courses were added as alternate to 214-216.
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Issue:
At first glance, this change doesn’t look like a problem – just a change in the courses, not the
requirement. However, upon implementation, it becomes apparent that while 214-216 are 10
hours, 225-226 are only 6 hours. Thus, a heritage speaker, even with an additional elective
course to make up hours, is still 1 hour short. One extra elective culture course seems fair, but
taking a second additional to make up the one hour would actually make heritage speakers need
21 hours for the minor, since most courses are 3 hours.

Proposal:
The long-term solution would be the following revision to the minor:
A minimum of 18 hours

1. Required Courses
   Chinese 214, 216, and 241 (13 hours) or Chinese 225, 226, and 241 (9 hours)
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This way, heritage speakers would end with 18 hours and one additional culture course in
electives, and non-heritage speakers would end with 19 hours, but one less elective course – a
fair balance.
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Michael – I caught one more thing: the electives list has a course that’s no longer offered (Religious Studies 244): I substituted Religious Studies 247.

It should be good to go now!

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From: Muise, Michael R
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 8:52 AM
To: Rogaski, Ruth
Subject: CEP Proposal for your approval

Dear Professor Rogaski,

My apologies for the slip. Please find attached the revised proposal for your approval. Please reply at your earliest convenience, and we can send to council.

Sincerely,

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