Ad Hoc Committee for a Weinberg Language Initiative (WLI)

Committee purpose and charge
The WLI is appointed by Dean Adrian Randolph to advise the dean on how to build a strong foundation for language study at Northwestern in a context that respects and promotes cultural pluralism.

This committee is asked to:
- explore our own norms, practices, and needs (both met and unmet) across the broad constituencies in the College with deep interests in language study,
- look at practices at other institutions, and
- delve into the literature on these matters with the goal of advising us on whether/how we should/could be doing anything differently.

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