PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Revision of the Interdisciplinary Minor in African American Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sponsoring unit: African American Studies & Research Program

Brief Description:

The current campus-wide minor will be revised as follows:

1) The structure of the minor will be elaborated to include several new courses in theory, methodology, and disciplinary content.

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**Prerequisites for the minor:** There are no prerequisites for the minor. There will be no limited enrollment.

**Expected enrollment in the minor:** 100+ students

**Admission to the minor:** The Assistant to the Director/Curriculum Coordinator will monitor the admission process for the minor. This person has currently been monitoring the admission process.

**Minor advisor:** The person responsible for advising students in the minor is the Assistant to the Director/Curriculum Coordinator.

**Certification of successful completion:** The LAS records officers currently certify the successful completion of the minor with the coordination of the Curriculum Coordinator in African-American Studies.

**Statement for the catalog:**

The African American Studies and Research Program (AASRP) offers a campus-wide interdisciplinary minor in African American Studies. AASRP’s minor is premised on the following principles: Interdisciplinary, the centrality of Black women and gender, the use of the Global Africa/African Diaspora as a contextualizing framework and an emphasis on black agency or the self-activity of African peoples. A minimum grade point average of 2.33 is required for completion of courses taken in the program. The African-American Studies & Research Program must approve a student’s minor course plan.

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Clearances:

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Date