REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:
As a 12-credit certificate based on the Ancient Studies minor, this proposed certificate represents a compact version of minor, which is a rigorous and intentional undergraduate liberal education represented by the interdisciplinary collaboration among Art & Design, Geography and Anthropology, History, Languages, Political Science, and Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. This certificate enables students to earn credits in a concentrated area of study related to Ancient Studies if they are unable to pursue the minor.
2. Its structure of requiring 6 credits of one prefix to form a core and then 6 credits of 300+-level courses provides students with both flexibility in how they tailor their program plus the depth of content represented by the upper division courses.
3. The interdisciplinary nature of this certificate makes it appealing to a variety of students.
4. Enrollment in the certificate is difficult to gauge, but is estimated in the teens to 20s. The minor requires Latin or Greek; students who don’t want/need the language requirement of the minor are likely to pursue the certificate. However, the certificate will not jeopardize the minor, since students pursue the minor for a variety of reasons.
5. The certificate is likely to boost enrollment in cross-listed courses.
6. "Ancient" is demarcated across disciplines by different chronological parameters, e.g., "ancient" in various Mediterranean areas is not the same time-frame as "ancient" within the Americas.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. This is a truly collaborative, interdisciplinary credit-bearing program.
2. Enables focused study while enabling students to graduate in a timely manner.

Cons of Recommendation:
1. The possible threat to the existing minor was discussed and dispelled.
2. No other concerns were identified.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
None. This certificate utilizes existing courses taught by existing faculty, so no new resources are needed.

Committee Recommendation:
Establish a certificate in Ancient Studies to be housed in the Department of Languages.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of _5_ in favor and _0_ against on March 8, 2016,

recommends that a certificate in Ancient Studies within the Department of Languages be established.

Implementation Date: 2016-2017 Catalog

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt______
Chair of the Committee

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