Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:
Latin American Studies (LAS) proposes developing a 12-credit certificate in LAS in addition to their current majors and a minor. The certificate should be popular with students because there is no language requirement or immersion experience required. This is anticipated to be a popular selection for students planning on serving Latin American populations (business, education, health care etc.)

Points Discussed by Committee:
Some concern about the impact that a certificate might have on the numbers of either the LAS majors or the minor.
SAM/PAM need to start reflecting students enrolled in certificates as being served by the program especially if SAM/PAM data might be used in making decisions within the framework of the Academic Master Plan

Pros of Recommendation:
Gives students an opportunity for additional study in LAS to be transcripted as a coherent experience without requiring a language and/or an immersion experience.

Cons of Recommendation:
Could have small impact on numbers of LAS minors and if certificates are not counted in SAM/PAM this could lead to what looks like a reduction in interest in LAS.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
none

Committee Recommendation:
Approve adding a 12 credit certificate to the LAS program.
The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on 10/11/16 (Date)

Recommends
Establishing a Latin American Studies Certificate in the Latin American Studies Program.

Implementation Date: 2017/18 catalogue

Signed: ________________________________
Chair of the Committee

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