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To: Subcommittee A
From: Latino/a Studies Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Enciso
Re: Rationale for changes to the Latino/a Studies Undergraduate Minor

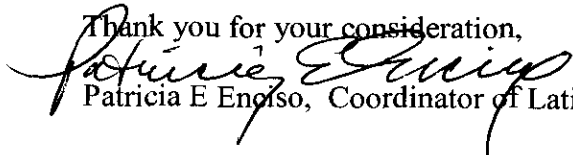
During the Latino/a Studies Spring faculty meeting, members of Latino/a Studies Program Committee agreed that we should reduce the number of required credit hours from 25 to 20. We have several reasons for making this change. 1) Given the number of faculty and available, qualified courses that are regularly offered, it is difficult for students to complete the minor at a 25 credit level. 2) Minors with high enrollment, including Women's Studies require only 20 credit hours 3) We believe the 20 credit minor includes substantial content and concepts required for advancing students' understanding of and engagement with Latino/a Studies.

We also agreed to add Spanish 557 as a core course choice. Many students, interested in Latino/a Studies, major in Spanish and Portuguese. We would like to encourage these students to pursue Latino/a Studies along with their language studies in order to extend their understanding of *Latino/a experiences and perspectives in the U.S.*

We will also add ASC 294: *Imagining America* as an elective course. This course was developed among Ethnic Studies coordinators and faculty in 2005 and will be taught annually by faculty or a visiting lecturer.

Lastly, Linguistics 261, an elective course, has been renumbered and should be listed as Linguistics 372. We would like to continue to use this course as an elective, but need to make the course number change.

Thank you for your consideration,


Patricia E Enciso, Coordinator of Latino/a Studies