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Dear Debra:

I am happy to report that at its 4/16 meeting the Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee of CCI unanimously approved the creation of (1) Sexuality Studies 6xx: Special Topics in Sexuality and Violence and (2) a new Major in Sexuality Studies. The major proposal will next go to full CCI (likely May 14); Kate Hallihan will contact you regarding this in due time.

(1) Sexuality Studies 6xx: Special Topics in Sexuality and Violence

- The subcommittee agrees with you that a good prerequisite for the course would be: "Junior standing or above (including graduate standing), declared Sexuality Studies Minor or Major, or permission of instructor."
- Do keep in mind that though the course has been officially approved at the CCI subcommittee level, you will need to officially enter it as a new course request in ECA (or its electronic successor, PACER) once you have a Book III listing for Sexuality Studies. The office of Valarie Williams previously indicated that they will request a Book III listing for Sexuality Studies once the Major has been approved by OAA. Our office will "hang on" to the approved course until we get the official new course application through ECA (PACER) in the future, at which time the course packet will speedily be moved forward to OAA.

(2) New Major in Sexuality Studies

- The subcommittee approves the clarifications that you made in the revised version of the proposal: (1) having CS/PAES 214 and one GLBT-class as a core cluster of 10 hours (within a 50-hr major); (2) specifying that a GLBT-class taken as part of the core cluster cannot double-count as an elective or focus area course; (3) fixing the Women's Studies 282 number. The committee agrees that if Sexuality Studies 6xx were repeated up to 15 hours, it would become the student's focus area. Could you please specify this in the next version of the proposal?
- Assessment plan: The subcommittee was informed of the plan of action that you, Kate Hallihan, and Cat Meyers agreed on: use (1) papers out of Sexuality Studies 6xx class, (2) exit survey, and (3) alumni tracking. However, a member of the Interdisciplinary subcommittee thought that Sexuality Studies 6xx might not be a good class to use for assessment of the program since it is not a mandatory course. I reported this information to Kate, and she still believes that this course would be good to use for assessment purposes. She will provide you with her rationale for this.
- As I mention above, the proposal will next be reviewed by CCI.

Again, congratulations on a great major and course!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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