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Council on Academic Affairs
c/o W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost
Office of Academic Affairs
203 Bricker Hall
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Dear Members of the Council of Academic Affairs:

I am writing to support of the proposed undergraduate interdisciplinary major in Sexuality Studies. The proposal was developed jointly by faculty and administrators across the Arts and Sciences, the College of Social Work, the College of Medicine, and the College of Education and Human Ecology.

The proposed major builds on the foundation of a strong interdisciplinary minor in sexuality studies that has been in place since winter 2007, growing to more than eighty students enrolled in the minor. The strength of this major lies in the goal of providing a strong foundation in the analysis of human sexuality. Students will be able to explore the variety of factors that influence human sexuality, including the historical, political, biological, cultural, and psychological contexts. Students will also be able to investigate the various ways in which sexuality is shaped by social differences. The proposed major will contribute significantly to our understanding of how diversity enriches and strengthens our society.

The strong academic requirements of this program, combined with the broad interdisciplinary activity of the contributing faculty, make this major proposal a unique and necessary addition to our curriculum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Steinmetz".

Joseph E. Steinmetz, Ph.D.
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