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Council on Academic Affairs
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Dear Council on Academic Affairs Members:

We are pleased to submit for your review two undergraduate program proposals from the Department of Political Science: Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Bachelor of Arts in World Politics. Both proposals are the results, in part, of a careful and thorough review of the department's undergraduate curriculum, including areas of faculty interdisciplinary strengths, student demand, and course scheduling and other curricular processes. Faculty, students, and department administrators contributed their recommendations through participation on various *ad hoc* committees.

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science provides a rigorous program in scientific methodology which will prepare students to study and produce empirical research about politics. Those students expecting to attend graduate school for advanced study of Political Science or other disciplines, as well as those students also pursuing a second STEM-related major and/or a minor, will find that this major satisfies their current social science interests while enhancing preparation for post-graduation plans.

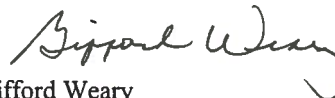
The Bachelor of Arts in World Politics delivers an in-depth understanding of cross-national and international political institutions and processes, and will prepare students to live and work in an increasingly globalized environment. The major offers specializations in Foreign Policy and Security, Political Institutions and Processes, Political Economy and Development, and International Theory.

The strong academic requirements of these programs, reflecting the department's vigorous efforts to provide the high quality academic preparation to meet students' post-graduation aspirations, make these proposals necessary additions to our curriculum. We appreciate your consideration of these proposals, which we strongly endorse.

Sincerely,



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