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To: [Smooth, Wendy](#)
Cc: [Fink, Steven](#); [Daly, Marymegan](#); [Heysel, Garrett](#)
Subject: RE: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies-Global Option-II
Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 4:37:00 PM
Attachments: [WGSS.REVISED-2016 Submission Global Option Letterhead with comments.docx](#)
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Dear Wendy,

I have heard back from Meg Daly (faculty Chair of the ASC Curriculum Committee) and she agrees that the main issue in the first proposal (namely, the previous inclusion of students in the WGSS minor or other majors in the Global Option) has been addressed satisfactorily in the revised proposal. However, Steve Fink is providing some additional feedback to you on the attached Word document in the hopes that the Dept of WGSS can make some of these changes before we advance the proposal to the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) at OAA. Meg, Steve, and Garrett all believe that these points might be raised at CAA, and making changes now will strengthen the proposal. I am including Meg, Steve, and Garrett on this e-mail. Let us know if you have any questions.

Please feel free to e-mail the revision to me.

All the best,
Bernadette



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Subject: RE: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies-Global Option-II

Hi Bernadette,

I am writing to follow up on Steve's directive to confer with you to prepare our Global Option proposal to the ASCC. We have made the changes the committee required regarding limiting the WGSS Global Option to WGSS majors only. I am attaching the revised proposal as well as the 4year vision for implementation and review. Please note that the vision plan is delayed by one year given the review process. We will adjust our work for a 2016/2017 beginning of the program and have projected our work through 2019/2020.

Thank you for your assistance in moving our proposal forward.

Best,
Wendy

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From: Heysel, Garrett
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:29 PM
To: Smooth, Wendy; Fink, Steven
Cc: Vankeerbergen, Bernadette; Daly, Marymegan; LaTorre, Guisela
Subject: Re: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies-Global Option-II

Hello everyone,
I hope that you'll continue to loop me in on your progress on the Global Option because I'm very interested in tracking the appeal, interest, and progress. I think that it is a wonderful opportunity for our students and would like to promote it to other units within the College.

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Hi Steve,
Thanks for this news. Our faculty will be pleased to hear that we can move forward. We will make sure the proposal we submit in the new year adequately reflects your suggestions.

Happy Holidays,
Wendy

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From: Fink, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 6:18 PM
To: Smooth, Wendy
Cc: Vankeerbergen, Bernadette; Daly, Marymegan; Heysel, Garrett
Subject: FW: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies-Global Option-II

Dear Wendy,

The ASCC ad hoc committee charged with reviewing the Global Option in Arts and Sciences has now, after extended and thoughtful discussions, made its recommendation to the full ASCC. They have recommended that we not move forward with the development of College- or Division-wide GO model, but, instead, adhere to the original GO model of supporting individual major programs in developing major-specific Global Option programs. The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee endorsed the committee's recommendation in a unanimous vote. Therefore, while I apologize for putting WGSS on hold for so long, I now want to encourage you to submit your proposal for a Global Option curriculum within the WGSS major. Note that your original proposal asked that the GO also apply to the WGSS minor and that even students not pursuing a WGSS major or minor could complete the WGSS Global Option. The ASCC does not believe that either of these extensions are appropriate for the GO, so we urge you, in your renewed request, to limit your proposal to a Global Option curriculum within the WGSS major only.

I encourage you to work with Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Director of ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services (.1) in preparing your documents for submission to the ASCC.

Thank you for your patience, and best wishes,

Steve



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From: Fink, Steven
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Cc: Daly, Marymegan; Vankeerbergen, Bernadette (vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu)
Subject: RE: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies-Global Option-II
Importance: High

Hello Wendy,

Apologies for not responding to your previous message—I was waiting for some more concrete information with which to respond, but didn't mean to let my reply lapse so long. I've been cognizant of WGSS's interest in moving forward on the Global Option, but that has gotten caught up in the on-going conversations between OIA and the ASC Curriculum Committee about whether we

can or wish to develop college- or perhaps division-wide GO models. The ad hoc subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee addressing these issues is chaired by Meg Daly (also Chair of the ASC Curriculum Committee). They did not meet over the summer, and are just ramping up again this semester (they meet again this week).

Esther—and OIA—have been pushing for a college- or division-wide GO model, paralleling what Business and Engineering Colleges have done. But this is contrary to the original GO proposal developed by OIA and approved by ASCC and by CAA, which was quite clear about it being an option embedded in the major. That's where our concerns about WGSS's original GO proposal originated, and this engendered the extended discussion with OIA about their shifting terms. Business and Engineering are structured quite differently from ASC and are far more coherent and focused in the tracks within those degrees, so a college-based model makes sense for them. But ASC is so diverse—with programs ranging from microbiology to dance—that a college-based GO model does not make sense—it would be largely added to, rather than embedded in many majors and would thus start to look like a minor program rather than an option within a major program. Even if we break it down to divisions, many of these same issues persist. I will say that, personally, I favor the original, major-based model, and would like to simply give WGSS the green light to create your own, independent GO curriculum. But OIA has a different view, and neither OIA nor I are the deciders on this matter. Our ad hoc committee has been in conversation with Esther to see what model can be agreed upon that will work for all parties—but most especially our students. Please know that we will resolve this one way or another soon—I'd like to say by the end of this semester—and you will know how you can move forward.

Feel free to continue this conversation in the meantime, and please include Meg (copied here) in your messages.

Regards,

Steve

From: Smooth, Wendy
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:32 PM
To: Fink, Steven
Cc: Gottlieb, Esther
Subject: RE: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies-Global Option-II

Hi Steve,
I am writing as a follow up to my original inquiry (see below) regarding Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies' interest in the Global Option. Any insights you can share are helpful.

Best,
Wendy

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From: Smooth, Wendy
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 2:34 PM
To: Fink, Steven
Cc: Gottlieb, Esther
Subject: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies-Global Option

Hi Steve,

I am the Chair of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. I am writing to follow up on the status of our proposal to offer a Global Option designation. Over the last two years we've been working with Esther Gottlieb on our proposal submission. Last year, we made the changes requested by the College. In our last correspondence on the GO, we were informed that the Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee was considering a college-wide GO designation that would impact how we proceeded. We've not received any updates and did not want our proposal to get lost in the process. We'd like to keep this moving as our faculty are quite excited about this option for our students. Please advise me on where the College is on the GO process and what next steps you suggest for WGSS. If you should need anything additional from us, please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you and working on this further.

Best,
Wendy

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