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Professor Meg Daly
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Re: Approval of Minor in Peace Studies

Dear Meg:

The SBS Panel on March 11, 2015 approved a proposal by International Studies to establish an undergraduate minor program in Peace Studies.

The proposal is motivated by the growing student demand for the study of peace. With the recent acquisitions of faculty in the area, International Studies now has the capability to implement the minor. Most existing peace studies programs are found in smaller colleges, where diversity and quality of courses are severely limited by scale and resources. The proposal notes that, with the rich intellectual and physical resources to draw upon at the university, the proposed program would have a significant advantage over them.

The panel agreed the proposed program is worthwhile. The proposal was approved with the contingency that International Studies clarifies the nature of the concurrences obtained for the proposal. The concurrence issue has been resolved satisfactorily. The proposal was initially submitted in January 2015 and had received feedback from this panel.

The panel's decision to approve the proposal was unanimous.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pok-sang Lam'.

Pok-sang Lam
Chair, ASCC SBS Panel