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Associate Professor Alison Crocetta Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Re: Approval of French and Francophone Studies BA

Dear Alison,

The Arts & Humanities Panel 1 of the ASCC approved a proposed new major from the Department of French and Italian regarding the French and Francophone Studies BA major. The proposal was originally reviewed on April 16, 2019 and sent back with a list of questions and suggestions. We received the second revision in May 2019, and after further review the new French and Francophone Studies BA major was officially approved on May 17th, 2019 by our panel.

This new major, which will be offered alongside the French major, mirrors the new Italian Studies major that was successfully proposed and implemented last year. Students who choose it may count toward the major up to twelve credit hours of courses taught in English in the department and/or in ten other departments and programs in Arts and Sciences who offer courses with significant French and/or Francophone content. The main objective of the new major is to offer students a more interdisciplinary major that might complement a second major in one of the ten departments and programs, including History, International Studies, and Political Science. Students double majoring in one of these fields will be able to count up to nine credits hours taken in the relevant department toward their French and Francophone Studies major.

The panel agreed that the proposed new major, as articulated, offers a range options for students who wish to explore an interdisciplinary approach to French and Francophone Studies. The BA was unanimously approved by our committee with several contingencies, which have been resolved. We now advance the French and Francophone Studies proposal to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Best,

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