



September 17, 2019

Associate Professor Alison Crocetta
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Re: Approval of Request to Deactivate Sexuality Studies BA

Dear Alison,

On Wednesday, September 4, the ASCC Arts & Humanities Panel 2 approved a proposal to deactivate the BA in Sexuality Studies. The proposal was submitted by Martin Joseph Ponce, the outgoing Director of the Sexuality Studies program, and represented the conclusions of a yearlong review in which Professor Ponce consulted with majors, minors, affiliated faculty, former program directors, and others. This review was summarized in a report submitted to Dean Peter Hahn on February 26, 2019 recommending deactivation. Dean Hahn approved the recommendation by email on April 2, 2019.

With the disbanding of the Diversity and Identity Studies Collective (DISCO), the administrative unit under which Sexuality Studies was housed, plans had been made to move Sexuality Studies into the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department (WGSS). The review process revealed that such a move was not feasible given WGSS's already overtaxed faculty and administrative staff. Lack of adequate financial and administrative support makes maintaining the program as a separate administrative unit equally unfeasible.

The proposal calls for the retitling of the Sexuality Studies minor as a minor in LGBTQ+ Studies, to be administered by WGSS. The curricular viability of the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization (GIS) in Sexuality Studies is currently being evaluated.

The panel approved the proposed deactivation by a unanimous vote. We now advance the proposal to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ASCC Arts & Humanities Panel 2