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September 26, 2005

Brenda Bruggeman, Ph.D.  
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Dear Professor Bruggeman:

The School of Teaching and Learning is pleased to support the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies and to give its concurrence for this new graduate program proposal.

If further documentation is needed from our school, please do not hesitate to email me at [paul.3@osu.edu](mailto:paul.3@osu.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter V. Paul".

Peter Paul, Ph.D.  
Professor of Education  
Director, Teaching & Learning  
School of Teaching and Learning



Nisonger Center

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September 10, 2005

Brenda Brueggemann  
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Dear Dr. Brueggemann:

As a Program Director at the Nisonger Center at the Ohio State University, I strongly support the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies (GIS-DS) that you are proposing. I believe that you and the Core Committee have proposed a coherent program that embraces both the condition of impairment and the socially constructed and lived experience of people with disabilities. The students who participate in the GIS-DS will gain valuable experiences that will enhance both their professional careers, as well as their community experiences.

At the Nisonger Center we have a vision of improving the quality of lives for persons with disabilities and their families. This can be more easily accomplished when we have communities who understand and value how disability impacts our country, as well as our global community. The Ohio State University GIS-DS has the breadth and depth to prepare our graduates with an enhanced understanding of the impact disability has on us all.

I wish you the best as you develop and teach the GIS-DS capstone courses. I understand that you have over 45 students enrolled in the Autumn, 2005 course, with over 32 students on a waiting list. Clearly the interest and demand for your courses is high among OSU students. It is an exciting endeavor that deserves the highest support from our administration.

Sincerely,

Margo Vreeburg Izzo, Ph.D.  
Program Director  
Nisonger Center



Department of African American  
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July 19, 2005

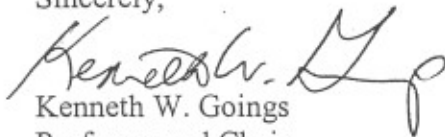
Professor Brenda Brueggeman  
Associate Professor  
Department of English  
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Dear Professor Brueggeman:

The Graduate Studies & Curriculum Committee in the Department of African American and African Studies is pleased to support your proposal for a graduate interdisciplinary specialization in disability studies. We understand that the proposal will include courses from a variety of departments including our department.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for selecting our courses to be part of your interdisciplinary specialization proposal.

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Goings  
Professor and Chair



Department of Psychology

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July 28, 2005

Brenda Brueggeman, Ph.D.  
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Dear Professor Brueggeman:

The Department of Psychology is pleased to support the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies and to give its concurrence for this new graduate program proposal.

If further documentation is needed from our department, please do not hesitate to contact me at 292-3038.

Sincerely,

Gifford Weary, Ph.D  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Psychology

**The Ohio State University  
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Concurrence Form**

The purpose of this form is to provide a simple system of obtaining departmental reactions to proposed new courses, group studies, study tours, workshop requests, and course changes. A letter may be substituted for this form.

Academic units initiating a request which requires such a reaction should complete Section A of this form and send a copy of the form, course request, and syllabus to each of the academic units that might have related interests in the course. Initiating units should allow at least two weeks for responses.

Academic units receiving this form should respond to Section B and return the form to the initiating unit. Overlap of course content and other problems should be resolved by the academic units before forwarding this form and all other accompanying documentation to the Office of Academic Affairs.

**A. Information from the academic unit *initiating* the request**

Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies  
Initiating Academic Unit Date

Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

Course Number Title Level Credit Hours

Type of Request (Circle):    New Course    Course Change    Group Studies    Workshop    Study Tour

Psychology

Academic unit asked to review the request

August 15th, 2005

Date response is needed

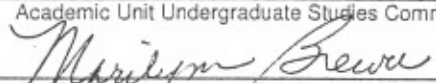

**B. Information from the academic unit *reviewing* the request**

The academic unit *supports* the proposal.

The academic unit *does not support* the proposal.

**Attach your comments.**

**Signatures**

1. Academic Unit Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair	Printed Name	Date
	Marilynn Brewer	8-1-05
2. Academic Unit Graduate Studies Committee Chair	Printed Name	Date
	Gifford Weary	7-28-05
3. Academic Unit Chair/Director	Printed Name	Date



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July 20, 2005

Brenda Brueggeman  
Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Specialization  
English Dept.  
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Dear Brenda,

I am very happy to hear that the proposed Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies is in progress. We are especially pleased that one of our courses, the WS 620 you have regularly taught as Gender and Disability, will be part of the program.

Although the department is very supportive of disability studies, our Graduate Committee will need to discuss this proposal to make a formal recommendation. Because they will not meet until October, I am not able to give you a concurrence at this time. Our graduate director, Claire Robertson, will be in touch as soon as the committee makes a decision on this.

Sincerely,

Linda Mizejewski  
Professor and Chair



Office of the Director

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August 9, 2005

Dr. Elliot Slotnick  
Associate Dean, Graduate School  
250D University Hall  
230 North Oval Mall  
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Dear Dr. Slotnick:

This letter represents the School of Physical Activity & Educational Services support of the proposed Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies (GIS-DS).

The committee has put many long hours into this effort by drafting the proposal, a sample syllabus for the GIS-DS core course Introduction to "Graduate and Professional Studies in Disability Studies" and vetting the submitted syllabi. Our Graduate Studies Committee suggested one change on the proposal (page two, number 4, line 2), which states this specialization would be of interest to students from Physical Education and Recreation. Although this is true, a better way to describe our field would be Physical Education, and Exercise and Sport Studies.

As Interim Director of the School of Physical Activity & Educational Services, I would like to offer my full support for the proposed Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna L. Pastore".

Donna L. Pastore, PhD

CC: Bill Morgan, Graduate Studies Chair



September 7, 2005

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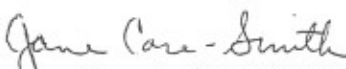
Dear Dr. Brueggemann,


The faculty of the School of Allied Medical Professions is highly supportive of the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies. This GIS will provide an excellent opportunity for many of the allied medical professions graduate students to expand their understanding of disability and to appreciate the cultural and societal aspects of disability. In addition, our faculty members welcome the research and teaching opportunities that it will stimulate. Although at this time we have listed only one course in the specialization, we believe that over time, faculty will identify and develop other courses appropriate for students in the Disabilities Studies Specialization.

Disabilities studies is an evolving discipline of increasing international importance, and development of this specialization will strengthen the offerings of the University. The specialization should nourish new lines of research and should increase collaborations among faculty interested in disability. It will give students in the School of Allied Medicine a broader perspective of disability that will enhance their ability to become client centered.

The School faculty look forward to the approval of the GIS in Disability Studies and would be pleased to support its courses and students in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

  
Jane Case-Smith, EdD, OT/L  
Graduate Studies Chairperson

  
Deborah Larsen, PhD, PT  
Interim Director





Department of English

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October 1, 2005

Professor Brenda Jo Brueggemann  
Department of English  
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Re: Proposal for a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies

Dear Professor Brueggemann,

The Graduate Program and Policy Committee of the Department of English has reviewed your proposal for a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies, and we are pleased to give it our enthusiastic support. If you require anything further from us at this stage, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Clare A. Simmons  
Chair, Graduate Program and Policy Committee  
Department of English



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August 31, 2005

Dear Professor Brueggeman:

I am writing in my capacity as Director of the MSW Program at the College of Social Work. At your request I have reviewed the proposal for a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies. You and your colleagues have created a very strong proposal. A graduate level interdisciplinary approach to disability studies is needed at The Ohio State University. The College of Social Work is pleased to be a participant in this proposal. We do extend our concurrence, and look forward to working with you further on this specialization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Gregoire".

Tom Gregoire, PhD MSW  
Associate Dean  
MSW Program Director

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**A. Information from the academic unit *initiating* the request**

English, College of Education, Speech and Hearing Science, Soc. Work, Optometry  
 Initiating Academic Unit Date

Interdisciplinary Specialization in Disability Studies  
Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

Course Number	Title	Level	Credit Hours
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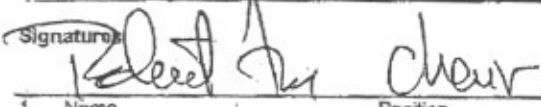
Type of Request (Circle):     New Course     Course Change     Course Withdrawal     Other

Department of Speech and Hearing Science  
 Academic unit asked to review the request

15 August 2005  
 Date response is needed (within two weeks of above date)

**B. Information from the academic unit *reviewing* the request should include a reaction to the proposal, including a statement of support or non-support (continued on the back of this form or a separate sheet, if necessary).**

The Department of Speech and Hearing Science strongly supports and endorses this proposal for a GIS in Disability Studies. It is a unique and welcome collaborative contribution from a large number of graduate programs that will provide an excellent source of information for graduate students (and faculty) in this very important disciplinary area. I cannot recommend it too highly.

<small>Signature</small>		<small>Position</small>	<small>Unit</small>	<small>Date</small>
1. Name			Sp/Hrny	8/11/05
2. Name				
3. Name				