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Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On October 11, 2023, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 2 reviewed a request from the Department of History to create a new undergraduate major in Leadership.

The proposed major has the goal of training students in “the core principles of leadership while providing them with a broad interdisciplinary grounding in the liberal arts.” In terms of its liberal-arts orientation, the major will provide students with an historical perspective about how principles of leadership have changed over time, as well as a philosophical grounding in the ethics of leadership in a diverse world, among other things.

The 33-credit hour major includes the following:

- 4 core courses (totaling 12 credit hours)
- 6 courses in a thematic specialization (totaling 18 credit hours)
 - 3 “skills” courses (e.g. communication, data analysis, design thinking)
 - 3 “content” courses
- 1 capstone seminar (totaling 3 credit-hours)

As detailed in the proposal, the major allows students to concentrate their coursework in one of six thematic specializations (two of which allow for sub-specializations): Politics and Law; Leadership in Society (Urban, The Arts, Health, Sports); Business and Markets; Military and Security Studies; Social Justice and Civil Rights; Science and Innovation (Environmental, Innovation). Each specialization allows students to take “skills” and “content” courses in a wide range of departments.

This interdisciplinary major will be overseen by a Steering Committee with colleagues from History, Sociology, Political Science and Philosophy.

A&H Subcommittee 2 voted unanimously to approve the request with nine contingencies and three recommendations. Those items have since been addressed by the unit and the proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,



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