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To the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee;

On November 6th, 2023, the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee's Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 reviewed and approved a proposal from the Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures (NESA) to make the following changes to the South Asia Studies Minor:

- 1) The South Asia Studies Minor currently requires 15 credit hours. The Department proposes reducing this to 12 credit hours. This reduction will put them in line with Asian American Studies, Classical Humanities, History, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies all of which have minor programs consisting of 12 credit hours.
- 2) The Department proposes adding new courses developed for the GEN to the minor sheet. When this minor was proposed, the prefix SASIA (South Asia) did not exist and the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (department name until 2022) had one South Asia-specific class.
- 3) The Department proposes removing the requirement that students take at least one course out of the Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures. They are requesting this change because at the time this minor was proposed, they did not have enough courses to offer students within the department, nor did they have a faculty member in South Asia Studies.
- 4) The Department proposes removing several classes from the minor program that are offered irregularly or not offered at all.

We advance the proposal to make these changes to the South Asia Studies Minor to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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