

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME for the Addition of a Minor in American Studies within the College of Liberal Arts

WHEREAS there currently is no single program within SIUC that allows the study of America from an interdisciplinary perspective; and

WHEREAS a minor in American Studies would allow students to study America from the perspectives of their particular interests, drawing on classes from a variety of departments; and

WHEREAS most colleges and universities have American Studies programs, and SIUC does not, and the relevant courses tend to be popular and highly relevant for a liberal arts education; and

WHEREAS the goal of this minor is to teach students to become more critical and aware as American citizens; and

WHEREAS the English and History departments have agreed to share the staffing of the one new course that will be required, "Introduction to American Studies;" and

WHEREAS no initial budgetary costs are required because all resources already exist;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommend the RME for the Addition of a Minor in American Studies within the College of Liberal Arts.

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