

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

***Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME to
Establish a Minor in Native American Studies,
College of Liberal Arts***

WHEREAS, the College of Liberal Arts has proposed to establish an interdisciplinary Minor in Native American Studies; and

WHEREAS, there is a renewed interest in the role of Native peoples and their growing visibility in the Americas, the United States, the state of Illinois, and Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and

WHEREAS, a demand has been created for a course of study focusing on the traditions, culture, and contemporary lives of Native peoples of the United States and the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Native American student population will benefit from the Native American Studies curriculum because it reflects their cultural heritage, and students from other disciplines will gain an enriched awareness of the diversity of peoples in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Native American student population is small, a minor in Native American Studies will encourage the further growth and recruitment of this underrepresented group at SIUC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend the approval of the RME to Establish a Minor in Native American Studies.

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