UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Proposal for Modification of the College of Liberal Arts Requirements [as amended]

WHEREAS the College of Liberal Arts would like to require that all undergraduate students must take two classes that expose them to global issues, and these classes can be taken in any area of study that each student chooses; and

WHEREAS there is a proposed need to help undergraduate students appreciate the fact that they live in a larger world and therefore should have a broader perspective on other cultures and global issues; and

WHEREAS liberal arts students would benefit from exposure to learning about the world's regions, countries, and cultures; and

WHEREAS many liberal arts undergraduate students already are taking courses that address global issues, but this needs to be highlighted so that they are made aware of this; and

WHEREAS it would be in the students' interests to have it officially stated that they are taking courses that are globally relevant, which also will be evident to future employers; and

WHEREAS this proposed change will involve no extra coursework for many CoLA students and will require only thoughtful class choices with the help of an advisor for the other students, as a huge number of courses across campus, including CoLA, currently are offered every semester that will satisfy this requirement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend the proposal for modification of the College of Liberal Arts requirements.

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