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Dr. W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
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Dear Dr. Smith,

The College of Arts and Sciences is requesting the Council on Academic Affairs approve the deactivation of the following majors: Ancient History and Classics (BA), Modern Greek (BA), Religious Studies (BA), World Literature (BA), French (BA), French and Francophone (BA), Italian (BA), Italian Studies (BA), Arabic (BA), Islamic Studies (BA), Hebrew and Jewish Studies (BA), Earth Science (BA), Geography (BS) and Jezz Studies (BM). The reason for the deactivation in these programs is the low number of graduating students as stipulated by SB1. The students currently in the programs will be supported through the completion of their degree.

Arts and Sciences is working with the individual units to merge these programs into new or existing majors:

Department of Classics: Ancient History and Classics and Modern Greek will be merged into the Classics major as new tracks. The proposal has been submitted to ODHE.

Department of Comparative Studies: Religious Studies and World Literatures will be merged into the Comparative Studies major as new tracks. The proposal has been submitted to ODHE.

Department of French and Italian: French, French and Francophone Studies, Italian, and Italian Studies will be merged into the new French and Italian major. The proposal has been submitted to ODHE.

Department of NESA: Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Hebrew and Jewish Studies have been merged into the new Near Eastern and South Asian major, which was approved by ODHE.

School of Music: Jazz Studies will be merged into the Music BM Performance major as a new track. The School of Music is currently working on the proposal.

Department of Geography/School of Earth Science: The Geography BS and Earth Science BA will be merged into a new major. Both units are currently working on the proposal.

Sincerely,



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