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Subject: CAA Actions

All:

At its meeting on July 20, 2006, the Council on Academic Affairs approved establishing:

Graduate Minor in Natural Resources
Graduate Minor in Women's Studies
Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Singing Health
Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Fine Arts

No additional levels of review/approval are necessary.

The Council tabled action on a proposal to establish a Center for Family Research.

The Council next meets on August 23, 2006 (10 - Noon) in Bricker Hall 200.

Randy

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Subject: Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

Rebecca:

Based on a recommendation from the Council on Research and Graduate Studies, the Council on Academic Affairs, at its meeting on July 20, 2006, approved the request from the Department of Women's Studies to establish a Graduate Minor in Women's Studies. Professor Raymond Noe, Chair of the Council, and I presented the proposal on your behalf.

No additional level of review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file(s) on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions/comments about this action, please contact me.

Congratulations on the successful completion of the review/approval process.

Randy

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June 12, 2006

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Dear Randy:

The Council on Research and Graduate Studies approved the following proposals during its meeting on June 7, 2006. Attached please find a copy of the proposals as well as my correspondence with the proposing programs that may assist the Council on Academic Affairs during its review.

- Proposal for a Professional Master's degree in Environment and Natural Resources (MENR)
- Proposal for a Graduate Minor in Environment and Natural Resources
- Proposal for a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Singing Health
- Proposal for a Graduate Minor in Women's Studies
- Proposal for an Ohio State University-Tsinghua University Collaboration regarding the Executive Track of the Ohio State University MBA Program
- Proposal for the creation of a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Fine Arts

Please let me know if you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Elliot E. Slotnick
Associate Dean

Enclosures

c: Irene Mynatt

Proposal for a
Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

Submitted by

Assistant Professor Rebecca Wanzo
Department of African American and African Studies

Approved by the Council on Research and Graduate Studies
June 7, 2006

Susan Reeser

From: Elliot E. Slotnick [slotnick.1@osu.edu]
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Cc: Irene Mynatt; Susan Reeser
Subject: Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

Dear Professor Wanzo,

At yesterday's meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Council on Research and Graduate Studies your proposal for the creation of a Graduate Minor in Women's Studies was endorsed for presentation and an approval vote by the full Council. Congratulations! That Council meeting will take place on June 7th beginning at 3:30pm. I hope that you, or your representative, will be available to attend that meeting, make a brief (3-5 minute) presentation of the proposal, and answer any questions from the floor before a vote is taken. Susan Reeser will be in touch with you in due course regarding the specific scheduling of that meeting.

Best,
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To: The Graduate School
Re: Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

The Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of Women's Studies submits this proposal for a Graduate Minor in Women's Studies for your approval. The minor has been approved by the department and by Dean Roberts of the College of the Humanities. The packet includes the following:

- I. Graduate Minor in Women's Studies Description
- II. Application form for a Graduate Minor in Women's Studies
- III. A letter of support from Dean John Roberts

Please contact Rebecca Wanzo (wanzo.1@osu.edu), the Graduate Minor coordinator, or Claire Robertson (robertson.8@osu.edu), Director of Graduate Studies, if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Wanzo", written over the printed name.

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Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

I. Introduction to the Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

The Department of Women's Studies at The Ohio State University is an interdisciplinary field of research that focuses on gender. Our classes teach students about the ways in which gender functions as a socially and culturally constructed phenomenon that affects our personal lives, artistic expression, social relationships, politics, and the ways individuals think about themselves and the world. Women's Studies considers the ways that class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and age shape women's and men's experience. We integrate scholarship and methodology from the humanities, social sciences, sciences, and legal studies in order to teach students how to approach questions from multiple perspectives. This interdisciplinary approach can enrich students' knowledge base in their home disciplines.

Graduate of the minors program can use the knowledge from the program in fields such as:

- Counseling
- Education
- Ethnic Studies
- History
- Journalism
- Law
- Library Science
- Media Studies
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Geography

II. Comparison with Peer Institutions

As of 2005, forty-eight Women's Studies departments nationwide offer graduate certificates. Nine offer minors: Pennsylvania State, U of Illinois at Urbana, Minnesota, Indiana, Cornell, Missouri, Florida State, Oregon State, N. Carolina State. At the 2004 Women's Studies CIC meeting, Pennsylvania State University, University of Illinois, and the University of Minnesota reported that their minors were thriving, generating good enrollments, and contributing in a positive way to grad education. Students across the country have found that having earned a minor in Women's Studies helps them when they seek employment on the academic job market. While our undergraduate and graduate curriculum is competitive with all of our peer institutions, the certificate/minor

option is a much needed addition to our degree offerings, as some of our benchmark institutions already offer this option. This minor can be a selling point for other departments whose students wish to focus on gender, but it is also an important part of our graduate department's growth and development.

III. Compatibility other Graduate Minors in the College and the Academic Plan

The departments of African American and African Studies and Comparative Studies currently have minors requiring 20 hours of course work. Like these departments, we require foundational coursework and will offer multiple opportunities for students to complete their coursework—through both our departmental course offerings and approved related courses. This minor will also serve The Ohio State University's Academic Plan, which calls for increased multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary projects.

IV. Enrollment

We recommend that WS offer a graduate minor because our interdisciplinary focus on gender, race, sexuality, and class is excellent background for students in English, History, African American and African Studies, Comparative Studies, Education, Law, Nursing, Political Science, Sociology, Social Work and other fields. The abundance of certificate programs nationwide suggests that students want official documentation of Women's Studies work for their transcripts.

We have been accepting a smaller number of graduate students in our program because we have begun a Ph.D. program. Because of this, we will have room in our curriculum for students enrolled in the minor. Given our existing student body and the incoming class, we anticipate that there will be at least 5 positions for students in the minor in every course. If the demand for 700 (Introduction to Graduate Studies) increases, we may offer a second 700 in the Winter or Spring quarter for students enrolling in the minor.

In order to ensure that our department can manage both our own students and interest in the minor, we will take the following steps.

1. Students will have to apply for the minor, and applicants will be accepted on a space available basis. We will cut back on admission if the demand becomes too high.
2. Students will all take WS core course, and we will offer one other section for minors per year if the demand is high.
3. We will slot spaces in our classes specifically for our grad students, to ensure that they are not locked out of classes.

V. Audience

The Graduate Minor in Women's Studies will attract students primarily from the College of the Humanities and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Students from English, Comparative Studies, Education, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social

Work, and African American and African Studies often take courses in our department. Given the competitiveness in the job market, students on both pre-professorial and non-professorial tracks will be interested in attaining extra credentials.

VI. Curriculum

Students will be required to take 4 classes (20 hours) to complete the minor in Women's Studies.

They will all take the following core course:

WS 700 Introduction to Graduate Studies (graduate, 5 credit hours)

This course provides an introduction to Women's Studies as a professional/academic field of study and an orientation to the Department's graduate program, facilities, resources, and faculty. The course will introduce skills necessary for analyzing and comparing graduate level readings, techniques of group discussion, basic theoretical terminology and key issues and intellectual debates that characterize contemporary feminist discourse, epistemology, and pedagogy. Readings, discussion, activities, and papers will help students understand the nature of graduate study and clarify their academic goals.

Minor Concentration:

Students will construct a track in one of the following concentrations:

1. difference and diversity
2. gender representation
3. gender, power, and social change

Students must complete at least two courses in the track to have a concentration. All students must take one gateway course into a minor concentration: **WS 710 Theorizing Difference**, **720 Theorizing Gender, Power and Change**, or **WS 740 Theorizing Gender Representation**. Students will meet with a faculty advisor in Women's Studies after being accepted to the minor program and will receive direction about which course will best suit their intellectual interests.

WS 710 Theorizing Difference (graduate, 5 credit hours)

This graduate-level course will examine cultural and theoretical treatments of difference by feminist scholars and artists. The texts will explore the social, political and cultural construction of difference, the relationships and intersections between categories of difference, and the ways in which individual women and groups of women interpret and experience multiple categories of difference. We will also explore the political, ethical and methodological dimensions of studying difference.

WS 720 Theorizing Gender, Power, and Change (graduate, 5 credit hours)

This course is one of the graduate core courses in Women's Studies. It provides an overview of analyses of gender in relation to social, political, and economic contexts, with particular attention to the ways that theories of power, knowledge, and identity have unfolded in the last 30 years. Readings include background excerpts from Marx, Fanon, Gramsci, & Althusser and a wide range of feminist works including ethnography, social theory, and critical race theory.

WS 740 Theorizing Gender Representations (graduate, 5 credit hours)

This course is designed to introduce graduate students to the central debates that have characterized feminist theories of representation of the last two decades. Such theories of representation have included analyses of gender in particular representational forms (autobiography, film, literature), explorations of the complex relationships between social context and individual text, and studies of the dynamics of identification, subjectivity, and desire.

Courses

Students can choose from the following courses or approved related courses to complete the minor. The Department of Women's Studies releases a list of available courses during every registration period. The numbers following the course indicate which concentration the course fits. However, some of the courses do have variable content, and may fit other concentrations. Each quarter, course listings will indicate what requirements that the courses fulfill.

WS 620 Topics in Feminist Studies (undergrad/graduate, 5 credit hours)

Interdisciplinary in-depth analysis of selected topics in feminist research and interpretation. Topic varies quarterly; contact the Department of Women's Studies for specific course descriptions. (Repeatable to a maximum of 15 credit hours.)

623 African Women in Comparative and Historical Perspectives (undergrad/graduate, 5 credit hours)

This course uses a cross-cultural approach to examine the cultures and roles of African women in the 20th and 21st centuries. Particular attention is given to the voices of African women as they confront and work to overcome the complex problems they encounter in their everyday lives. (1)

WS 624 Women and Social Change in Latin America (undergrad/graduate, 5 credit hours)

Feminist perspectives to introduce students to Latin American women's experiences and reality as perceived by those who study women and women themselves. (1, 3)

WS 670 Gender Discrimination (undergrad/graduate, 5 credit hours)

This course will examine how law, social movements, and public policy shape our understanding of justice and gender discrimination and our efforts to end gender discrimination. We will consider the meaning and significance of gender discrimination

within a global context and how gender discrimination intersects with other forms of discrimination based on caste, race, class, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, etc. We will examine case law, government policies, and UN resolutions on a variety of topics including rape, sexual harassment, educational equity, comparable worth and pay equity, sexual rights, Title IX, and human rights. We will compare and contrast a number of different approaches including, affirmative action, gender mainstreaming, and human capabilities theory. This course is cross-listed with Sociology. (3)

WS 726 Gender & Public Policy (graduate, 5 credit hours)

Public policy affects the lives of men and women differently. Public policy is gendered in very specific ways. Women are treated differently by public policy and much of this treatment is accredited to the different views of women's needs and abilities across time. This course will explore the historical development of public policies affecting women's lives and the ways in which public policy has constructed the category women. We will also explore the ways in which feminists have resisted public policy categorizations particularly as they divide women along the lines of age, race, class, sexuality, urban/rural, and parental status.

WS 742 Feminism and the Cinema (graduate, 5 credit hours)

Study of the relationship between feminist film theory and criticism and specific genres, historical periods and issues in cinematic representation.

WS 750 Violence Against Women: Theory and Response (graduate, 5 credit hours)

The primary objective of this course is to provide graduate training in theorizing and developing analytical tools to assess the structural/cultural factors that contribute to violence against women, social responses to such violence, women's agency, and diverse strategies to eliminate violence against women.

WS 760 Feminist Methodology (graduate, 5 credit hours)

This course provides graduate students with an overview of feminist methodological issues and dilemmas and an introduction to a variety of research techniques and methods.

WS 771 Feminism and Psychoanalysis (graduate, 5 credit hours)

An analysis of major psychoanalytic writings about women and feminist responses to them.

WS 810 Topics in Black Feminist Theory (graduate, 5 credit hours)

Theoretical analysis of the politics and perceptions of womanhood in the black community. (1, 2, and 3)

WS 820 Topics in Gender, Power, and Social Change (graduate, 5 credit hours)

Advanced study of variable topics relating to gender, power and change, both theoretical (especially materialist and practical).

WS 840 Topics in Representing Gender (graduate 5 credit hours)

This course will offer in-depth investigations of topics and genres central to feminist theories of gender representation, including considerations of aesthetics, subjectivity, intersectionality, narrative, and/or the gaze. Course is repeatable to a maximum of 15 credit hours.

WS 860 Topics in Feminist Studies (graduate 5 credit hours)

This course will embody feminist studies on a variety of topics such as sexuality, activism, and materialism. Course is repeatable to a maximum of 15 credit hours. (1, 2, and/or 3)

WS 870 Topics in Sexuality Studies (graduate 5 credit hours)

Contemporary biological, psychological, social, legal, and political theories of sexuality. (1, 2, and/or 3)

VII: Advising

A student interested in pursuing the graduate minor in Women's Studies is advised to consult with their advisor in their home department. The Department of Women's Studies cannot advise students on how the minor can be incorporated in their coursework for their primary degree. Through consultation with advisors in their home departments, students will determine how to fit Women's Studies coursework into their plan of study.

A student must apply for admission into the graduate minor. If accepted, students will receive a letter from the Graduate Chair in Women's Studies. After acceptance, the student will meet with an assigned faculty mentor in Women's Studies and design a program of study. The student will choose a track, and discuss which courses will best suit the students' intellectual interests and professional goals. The student and their Women's Studies Advisor will complete a Graduate Minor form. When the minor is complete, documentation will be submitted to the home department and the Graduate School.

VIII: Appendices

- A. Application for the minor
- B. Letter from Dean John Roberts supporting the implementation of a minor in Women's Studies.

Applying for a Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

1. A student interested in pursuing the graduate minor in Women's Studies is advised to consult with their advisor in their home department. The Department of Women's Studies cannot advise students on how the minor can be incorporated in their coursework. Through consultation with advisors in their home departments, students will determine how to fit Women's Studies coursework into their plan of study.
2. A student must apply for admission into the graduate minor using this form. Copies of the completed form will be submitted to the student's home department for the student's file. If accepted, students will receive a letter from the Graduate Chair in Women's Studies. After acceptance, the student will meet with an assigned faculty advisor in Women's Studies and design a program of study. The student and their Women's Studies Advisor will complete a Graduate Minor form. When the minor is complete, documentation will be submitted to the home department and the Graduate School.
3. Copies of the completed Graduate Minor Program are given to the Graduate School and the Graduate Studies Committee Chair from the student's home graduate program. The original will be submitted to the graduate program which offers the Minor. **Completed Graduate Minor Forms can be turned in during the first two weeks of every quarter.**
4. Upon receipt of the completed Graduate Minor Program Form, the Graduate Studies Committee of the program offering the Minor will send the student an acknowledgement indicating whether or not the request is approved, with a copy to the Graduate School and the student's home Graduate Studies Committee Chair.
5. Upon receipt of the acknowledgement from the graduate program offering the Minor, the Graduate School will send the student an acknowledgement letter/memo.
6. The student must adhere to the curriculum for the Graduate Minor as indicated on the approved Graduate Minor Program Form. If changes in the approved curriculum are necessary, the student must complete a new Graduate Minor Program Form and once again obtain approval via steps 1-5 above.
7. Upon application to graduate, the student must complete the Graduate Minor Transcript Designation Form obtained from the Graduate School.
8. The Graduate School will match the courses completed with those in the approved Graduate Minor Form. Departures from the approved Graduate Minor program could lead to a loss of transcript designation.

Application for the Graduate Minor in Women's Studies

Student Name: _____

Student Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number _____ **E-mail Address** _____

Graduate Program: _____

Previous Coursework-undergraduate or graduate-in Women's Studies or coursework with a significant focus on gender (previous coursework is not required for the minor).

Personal Statement:

Please attach a 1 page, double-spaced statement of purpose. Explain your interest in pursuing a Graduate Minor in Women's Studies and how the minor will suit your career goals.

Student Signature Date

Advisor Signature Date

Graduate Studies Chair of Graduate Minor Program Date



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April 3, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of the proposal for a graduate minor in Women's Studies. The proposal, developed by the faculty of the Department of Women's Studies, explains clearly the importance of this new program of study in the field. With its approval, the department will be assured of remaining in the forefront of developments in the field as it is practiced at some of the leading institutions of higher education around the country. Conceived as a flexible program of study, the minor is designed to provide graduate students majoring in a wide array of disciplines other than Women's Studies opportunities to receive certification for course work in the field. Of equal importance, it is designed to serve a number of different functions depending on the student's major program of study. For some students, the minor will offer them an opportunity to take coursework that will complement their research in gender-related areas in a specific field. For others, it will provide information and knowledge that will enhance their development and focus their career development in a professional area. And still for others, the minor will expose them to a body of scholarship that will enrich their knowledge and understanding of women's studies as a discipline and the study of gender, sexuality, race, and class from the unique perspective of this growing field.

My strong support for the minor stems from my knowledge of the capability of the faculty in the department to provide students with a rich intellectual experience through the coursework that will be a part of this new program. The interdisciplinary nature of the minor plays to the strength of the faculty and builds from the department's already well-established curriculum. Our faculty in Women's Studies are a highly accomplished group of scholars who have demonstrated their commitment to interdisciplinary study of gender, race, sexuality and class through numerous publications and the development of a curriculum in which these issues are explored from various perspectives. Students who choose to pursue this minor will have the complete benefit of our faculty's expertise and the resources of a department fully committed to the subject.

In sum, I believe that the minor in Women's Studies will provide graduate students with an important new option on the Ohio State University campus. I strongly support its approval. If I can provide additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Roberts".

John W. Roberts
Dean