

May 18, 2017

Kristin Lagattuta

Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Letters and Science

RE: Departmental Status Proposal for Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

Dear Kristin:

The proposal to disestablish the program in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies and reconstitute it as an academic department was forwarded to all standing committees of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate. Four committees responded: Graduate Council, Planning and Budget (CPB), Undergraduate Council (UGC), and the Faculty Executive Committee of the School of Law.

Committees support the proposal and note the strength and upward trajectory of the program, but raised two points to keep in mind. First, UGC expressed concerns over "the small number of faculty FTE in the program and the reliance on lecturers for delivery of lower-division courses." Second, CPB "encourages the new Dean of the College of Letters and Science to consider CPB's ongoing concern regarding the number of small departments in HArCS." The Davis Division recommends that these concerns be relayed to the appropriate parties and considered during future planning.

The Davis Division approves the disestablishment of the program in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies and its reconstitution as an academic department.

Sincerely,



Rachael E. Goodhue

Chair, Davis Division of the Academic Senate

Professor and Chair, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Enclosed: Davis Division Committee Responses

c: Beth Floyd, Director, Undergraduate Education and Advising, College of Letters and Science
Carolyn Thomas, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Education
Edwin M. Arevalo, Executive Director, Davis Division of the Academic Senate