



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Departmental Status Proposal - Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

May 12, 2017

Faculty from the program in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies have submitted a proposal to disestablish the present program and reconstitute it as an academic department.

FEC: School of Law

April 24, 2017 1:39 PM

After consultation, the School of Law FEC supports this proposal.

FEC: School of Medicine

April 10, 2017 2:21 PM

No response at this time.

Graduate Council

May 11, 2017 8:25 AM

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May 11, 2017

To: Academic Chair Goodhue

Re: Departmental Status Proposal – Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies

Graduate Council (GC) discussed the proposal for the establishment of departmental status for the program in Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies at its meeting on April 21 2017. Based on the provided documentation it is GC’s evaluation that the program has strong leadership and a faculty base with an excellent reputation. It offers a well-received designated emphasis program (Feminist Theory & Research) and has been on a continued upwards trajectory in terms of its undergraduate teaching (for example, strong growth in the number of enrolled majors), research, and service.

The rationale for department status is to strengthen the program’s reputation and continue its positive trajectory. The proposal states that there are no anticipated additional costs for departmentalization beyond what is already being incurred as a program.

Graduate Council’s evaluation is that the request for the establishment of department status is well-justified and appropriate and is likely to further strengthen this important area of scholarly teaching and inquiry at UC Davis.

Planning & Budget

April 20, 2017 3:24 PM

The Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed and discussed the departmental status proposal for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies. Overall, CPB endorses the proposal. However, 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.

Undergraduate Council

April 11, 2017 2:50 PM

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April 10, 2017

Rachael Goodhue
Chair, Davis Division of the Academic Senate

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

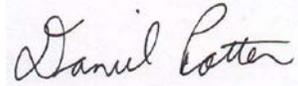
Dear Rachael:

The Undergraduate Council (UGC) has reviewed the proposal for disestablishing the present Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies program and reconstituting it as an academic department.

During the discussion of the proposal, UGC members noted the strengths and importance of the program and acknowledged the advantages of departmental status, but some members had concerns about the small number of senate faculty FTE in the program and the reliance on lecturers for delivery of lower-division courses. Nonetheless, after careful review and discussion, UGC voted unanimously to support the proposal.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Potter". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Daniel Potter
Chair, Undergraduate Council