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TO: Lane Crothers, Chair, Academic Senate
FROM: Mary Elaine Califf, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee
RE: Proposal to Delete the IDS Minor in Ethnic and Cultural Studies

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to delete the interdisciplinary Minor in Ethnic and Cultural Studies.

The Office of the Provost proposes the deletion of the Minor in Ethnic and Cultural Studies because the more recently created minors in African-American Studies; Latin-American, Caribbean, and Latino/a Studies; and Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies overlap with the Ethnic and Cultural Studies minor while providing greater depth and specificity. There are also faculty groups who actively support and advise these minors, which is not the case for the Ethnic and Cultural Studies minor.

Other points discussed were:

- The small number of students currently in the program will be allowed to complete their programs and University College will ensure advisement.
- There are no courses exclusive to the minor so that deletion of the minor will have no impact on faculty.
- The very small number of students interested in this program may seek admission to the related minors where there is sufficient capacity to accommodate them.

If approved by the Academic Senate the minor will be removed from the *2008-2010 Undergraduate Catalog*.