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TO: Daniel Holland, Chairperson, Academic Senate
FROM: Carlyn Morenus, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee
RE: Executive Summary of Proposal for new IDS Minor in Native American Studies

The University Curriculum Committee has approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Interdisciplinary Studies Minor in Native American Studies.

The author of the proposal provided a sound rationale for adding the new minor, “Unlike many first-, second-, and third-tier institutions of higher education, Illinois State University currently has no minor, major, or program in Native American Studies. However, the University now offers several continuing courses in the area, housed both in departments and in the Interdisciplinary Studies area.” Also mentioned was the importance of the study of indigenous peoples of the world to global studies (a required component of General Education).

There is no expected financial impact or conflict with other existing programs on campus. All of the courses in the minor are already being offered “on a regular basis.” The proposal states that the need for additional advisement or other services will be minimal because the minor will likely enroll fewer than 30 students.

Letters of endorsement from History, Sociology-Anthropology, English, and the College of Arts and Sciences are attached to the proposal

The University Curriculum Committee supports adding the new IDS Minor in Native American Studies.