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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-013-145

Discontinue Latin American Studies Minor

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 04/10/15

Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded

Date: 05/20/15

Academic Senate

Date: 05/27/15
First Reading
7-22-15
Second Reading

BACKGROUND:

Discontinue minor due to lack of student demand and lack of faculty interest in updating required courses. The lack of faculty advisors willing to promote and direct this program is an issue as well.

28 units are required for the minor, which may be taken by history majors. Students are encouraged to have language competency in Spanish or Portuguese.

The affected required courses are:

ANT 399 Cultural Areas of the World (Latin America) (4)

GEO 352 Geography of Latin America (4)

HST 335 Latin America: The Colonial Period (4)

HST 336 Latin America: The Era of Nation Building (4)

PLS 444 Comparative Latin American Government and Politics (4)

8 additional units selected from the following may be affected:

ANT 352 Development Anthropology (4)

PLS 454 U.S.-Latin American Relations (4)

HST 337 Latin America: Problems of the 20th Century (4)

HST 361 History of Brazil (4)

HST 362 Mexico to 1810 (4) or HST 363 Mexican History since 1810 (4)

SPN 351 Literature of Mexican (4)

SPN 355 Spanish-American Literature (4)

MU 311 Music of Mexico (4)

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

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DISCUSSION:

The Latin American Studies Minor is no longer sustainable given extremely low student enrollment, which saw only two students complete this minor within a time period of 15 years it was offered. There is ostensibly a lack of demand and as a result lack of advising available, in addition to material that is not updated to current events.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of AP-013-145 for the discontinuation of a Latin American Studies Minor.