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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Change the Sponsoring Unit to CLASS for the Science, Technology, and Society Major and Minor

Academic Programs Committee

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Executive Committee
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First Reading

BACKGROUND:

Since the implementation of CPP's Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Major and Minor in 2009, the Philosophy Department has been the administrator of the STS programs. At the same time, the STS programs have been University Interdisciplinary Programs, with their sponsoring unit being the University. Having the University as the sponsoring unit has been reasonable in many ways, as STS is an interdisciplinary area of research and teaching encompasses the whole University. However, with the University as sponsoring unit, the STS Programs have had neither the budgetary basis for growth nor proper oversight with respect to advising and acknowledging student success. Consequently, the college proposes the sponsoring unit of the STS programs be changed to the College of Letters Arts and Social Science (CLASS) and housed in the Philosophy Department.

The change will correct the budgetary and oversight issues and help to promote the growth of the program and provide better advising to the students. The change will not change the terms established in the STS charter document approved Nov. 2017, except that the sponsoring unit will be change from university to CLASS (2a) and that FTEs associated with STS prefix will be allocated to the Philosophy Department (3e). FTEs with other course prefixes in the STS programs will remain in the departments with these prefixes. If an instructor from a department other than Philosophy were to teach an STS prefix course, that other department would be reimbursed.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Associate Deans of CLASS and Science
Chair, Department of Philosophy

DISCUSSION:

As indicated in the referral, the philosophy department has been the administrator of the program since the program started in 2009 and the change of the sponsoring unit to CLASS will resolve several issues and improve student advising and to help the program grow. There is no change to the nature of the chartered interdisciplinary programs and no impact on departments that teach courses for the STS programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The AP committee recommends approval change the sponsoring unit to CLASS for the Science, Technology, and Society Major and Minor.