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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Amicable Split: From Department of Psychology & Sociology to Department of Psychology AND
Department of Sociology

Academic Programs Committee

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Executive Committee
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Date: 04/02/2018

Academic Senate

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First Reading
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Second Reading

BACKGROUND:

Psychology and Sociology are two distinct disciplines. Though they function amicably as a department, the program size, combined with the differences between the two disciplines, is fundamentally problematic. In addition, the new Criminology program is likely to further increase the combined department size. The department has proposed an amicable split into two departments - Psychology and Sociology. Psychology would continue to house its Master's program, and Sociology would continue to operate the Social Work and Criminology Options. The department is going through a trial separation in 2017-18 as a planning year, and 2018-19 is planned to be the first year as separate departments. The college and the department have decided that the RTP process will remain merged until all new documents are approved. The College and departments have worked out space and resource issues in proportion to the size of each new department. After the separation, all the courses with SOC prefix and the new SW and CRM prefixes will be under the Department of Sociology and all the courses with PSY prefix will be under the Department of Psychology. The GE course offerings under each prefix will continue to be offered by the respective department and that the course offering patterns will not change because of the split.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Dr. Larisa Preiser-Houy, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Programs
Dr. Francelina Neto, Director of Semester Conversion and Undergraduate Programs
Dr. Iris Levine, Interim Dean of College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences
Dr. David Horner, Chair Department of Psychology and Sociology

DISCUSSION:

As indicated in the referral, this is an amicable split between two Departments while there are no controversies nor changes in curricular matter. The course prefixes will be clearly separated by the departments and the GE offering patterns will not be affected by the split, hence the impact on the rest of the University should be minimal. The college and the department have worked out the RTP, space, and resources issues related to the split.

RECOMMENDATION

The AP committee recommends approval the split of Department of Psychology & Sociology to Department of Psychology AND Department of Sociology.