PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-2018

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018. On February 23, April 7, and May 13, 2015, the Center for Asian American Studies, the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts, and the dean approved the proposed changes, respectively. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the minor on October 21, 2015, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by November 4, 2015.

Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

Posted on the Faculty Council website (http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on October 28, 2015.
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Type of Change  ☒ Academic Change
☐ Degree Program Change (THECB form required)

Proposed classification  ☒ Exclusive  ☐ General  ☐ Major

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   • Is this a new degree program?  Yes ☐ No ☒
   • Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus?  Yes ☐ No ☒
   • Will courses in this program be delivered electronically?  Yes ☐ No ☒

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:
   These degree program changes were made so that the Asian American Studies interdisciplinary major and curriculum is structured where students may develop a focus by selecting tracks in two areas and that the major culminates into a capstone course.
   1. Students may now choose between taking Asian American Studies 301 or Asian American Studies 312. Both introductory courses provide substantial knowledge on the overview of Asian Americans that lays out the foundation for the major.
   2. Students now choose one three-hour course from the following lower-division courses, Asian American Studies 310 or Asian American Studies 314, to prepare them for upper-division course work.
   3. Students are required to develop a focus in two tracks. This will better prepare them towards career and academic plans post graduation.
   4. Adding Asian American Studies 377 Capstone Seminar in inventory. Students take this their final year of undergraduate studies under the guidance of a faculty advisor to work on field related practicum.

3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)
   ☐ Courses in other colleges  ☐ Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges  ☐ Flags
   ☐ Course in the core curriculum  ☐ Change in course sequencing for an existing program  ☒ Courses that have to be added to the inventory
   ☐ Change in admission requirements (external or internal)  ☒ Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office)

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools?  Yes ☐ No ☒
      If yes, then how?
   b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college?  Yes ☐ No ☒
      If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
   c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college?  Yes ☐ No ☒
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges?  
Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:
Date of communication:
Response:

e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)?  No If yes, explain:

If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:
Date of communication:
Response:

f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? No If yes, explain:

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: February 23, 2015
College approval date: April 7, 2015
Dean approval date: May 13, 2015

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

Asian American Studies

1. Asian American Studies 301 or Asian American Studies 312.

2. Choose three semester hours from the following:
   a. Asian American Studies 310 Introductory Topics in Asian American Studies
   b. Asian American Studies 314

3. [Twenty-one] Fifteen semester hours [-including at least eighteen hours] of upper-division coursework in Asian American Studies [- and with at least one three-hour course in each of the following groups-] divided between two of the following tracks:
   c. [Asian American Studies 320, Topics in Asian American Culture, Literature, and Media Studies] Culture, Literature, and Media Studies
   e. Social Sciences
   f. Public Policy

   Courses in each track are available at the Center for Asian American Studies.

4. Asian American Studies 377

[Minor for Asian American Studies Majors]

[Twelve semester hours, including at least six hours of upper-division coursework, in any one field of study in the University. Six of the required semester hours must be taken in residence.]