

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date **14-Sep-15** Curriculum Bulletin _____

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Department

College **AS - Arts and Sciences**

Proposal **Establish Center**

Proposal Name **Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality**

Description of proposal:

The College of Arts & Sciences proposes to establish a Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. This Center would provide an administrative structure to support the existing minors in LGBT Studies and Women's Studies. Further, the Center would develop a multidisciplinary B.A. program in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Additionally, a Center committed to the study of gender and sexuality would provide faculty with a structure of support to pursue individual and collaborative multidisciplinary research and creative projects, and to pursue grant-writing in support of research, creative projects and program development. And finally, because there is a tremendous need for public education on topics such as competencies in understanding LGBTQ people and communities, violence against women and sexual minorities, discrimination in the workplace and schools against gender and sexual minorities, a Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality would be able to provide programs, workshops, outreach, partnerships and continuing education opportunities for law enforcement, government agencies, schools, corporations, small businesses and more. An interdisciplinary center would provide the level of support needed for the full range of academic endeavors from course and program development, faculty research and creative activities, grant-writing and outreach activities, and public engagement through a variety of educational venues.

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need, audience)

At Kent State University there is no duplication of programs – the center will incorporate and strengthen the existing LGBT Studies and Women's Studies programs, and will further provide for a new B.A. program in Gender and Sexuality. It will offer opportunities to faculty and graduate students (as well as undergraduate researchers) interested in these areas of study.

Because faculty engaged in the teaching and scholarship of gender and sexuality currently work in a myriad of departments, colleges and schools, which offer course work in their programs which the Center will draw upon, there will be natural (yet fostered) collaboration and support for faculty and course work in existing programs.

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

English, Modern and Classical Languages Studies, Pan-African Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion Studies, and Sociology in the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of the Arts, and the College of Education, Health, and Human Services.

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

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ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID

Subject: FW: Request for Statement of Support for Establishment of New Center

From: Zaragoza, Maria
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 4:45 PM
To: ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID
Subject: RE: Request for Statement of Support for Establishment of New Center

Dear David:

By way of this email, I write to lend the Department of Psychological Sciences' full support for the establishment of a Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. It is my understanding that the position of the Director of the Center will be supported through administrative assignments in the faculty member's workload.

Maria Zaragoza

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From: ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 5:48 PM
To: TROGDON, ROBERT; DUNNE, KEIRAN; GOODEN, AMOABA; BARNBAUM, DEBORAH; BARNES, ANDREW; Zaragoza, Maria; SERPE, RICHARD
Cc: MERRYMAN, MOLLY
Subject: Request for Statement of Support for Establishment of New Center

Dear Colleagues,

We are requesting your review and consideration for supporting the founding of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. We have attached copies of the Program Summary and the CCP for your review.

Your prompt attention on returning a memo or email of support for this project would be much appreciated.

Regards, David

Sent on behalf of Molly Merryman.

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David W. Odell-Scott PhD
Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
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ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID

Subject: FW: Request for Statement of Support for Establishment of New Center

From: BARNES, ANDREW
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 4:56 PM
To: ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID
Subject: Re: Request for Statement of Support for Establishment of New Center

Thanks, David. POL is happy to see this Center get off the ground, and we've had a faculty member at many of the planing meetings. We support the proposal.

(I was caught off guard by the plan to hire a full-time director, rather than a faculty member with an offload, but I'm told that has been changed in the final proposal.)

Thanks,
Andrew

Sent from my iPhone. Apologies for brevity, typos, and embarrassing auto-corrections.

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ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID

From: DUNNE, KEIRAN
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 5:08 PM
To: ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID
Subject: Re: Request for Statement of Support for Establishment of New Center

Hi David,

I am writing to express the support of the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies for the establishment of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality.

MCLS has several faculty members who are engaged in research that can contribute to the the Center, including Françoise Massardier-Kenney, Dick Berrong, Stephanie Libbon, Brian Baer and Olga Rivera.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you require any additional information. We look forward to the creation of the Center and to working with you!

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From: SERPE, RICHARD
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:37 PM
To: ODELL-SCOTT, DAVID
Subject: RE: Request for Statement of Support for Establishment of New Center

David,

I support the development of the Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Richard

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**OFFICE OF THE DEAN
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Date: September 30, 2015
From: David W. Odell-Scott, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Subject: Transmittal Memo re: Establishment of a Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

The College of Arts and Sciences proposes the establishment of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. The minors in LGBT Studies (which is currently revising its title) and Women's Studies which are presently housed in the Center for Comparative and Integrative Studies will be moved into the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality.

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