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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: September 27, 2013

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-07(B) – Establishment of an Interdisciplinary Program in International Studies (College of Arts and Sciences)

At its September 25, 2013 meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposal to establish an interdisciplinary program in International Studies. Senate action at this time is a follow-up to Legislation #2011-57(D) (Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the Merging of the Departments of International Studies and Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences) which requested that the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences take no action to effectuate the merger of the two departments; requested that the College faculty advise the Senate on whether or not, in its opinion, such a merger was still in the best interests of the College and University.

Subsequently, having heard the opinions of the Dean and others, the Senate agreed with the Faculty of Arts and Sciences that there should henceforth be a Department of International Studies and a Department of Political Science. It further endorsed the plan of the Dean to enter into arrangements with those faculty members of the International Studies Department who wish to move to the Department of Political Studies; and noted the Dean's plan to establish an interdisciplinary program in International Studies which would require approval of the Faculty Senate and the President. Those decisions formed the basis of Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-05(B) (Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the Status of the Departments of International Studies and Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences), previously forwarded to you for approval.

The practical effect of the legislation now adopted is to send the matter back to the concerned faculty (both inside and outside the Department of International Studies who have recently been involved in the existing degrees) for their advice and then for a final decision by the faculty of Arts and Sciences. The Senate would have no further role in the matter at that point.

It is the Senate's expectation that this legislation is the first step in the development of a substantially improved interdisciplinary program in the field of international studies, which would draw on the resources of Arts and Sciences beyond the Departments of International Studies and Political Science, and ultimately of the full university.

The Senate's resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, in its meeting of April 29, 2013 voted overwhelmingly in favor of the establishment of a Program in International Studies (itself inherently an interdisciplinary subject); and

WHEREAS at its meeting of August 28, 2013, the Faculty Senate – unanimously but for one abstention – approved legislation maintaining a separate INS department; and

WHEREAS the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences has provided additional details and clarifications concerning the planned interdisciplinary program in International Studies; and

WHEREAS the College of Arts and Sciences has had considerable success with the several interdisciplinary programs it now has; and

WHEREAS, given its location and the interests of its faculty in many departments and schools, the University needs a vigorous program in International Studies;

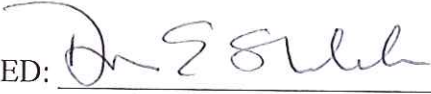
NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the requirements of *Faculty Manual* Sections A6.5 and B6.4, the Senate:

1. Approves the creation of an interdisciplinary program in International Studies within the College of Arts and Sciences that awards degrees of BS/BA, MA and PhD in International Studies contingent upon approval by the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences for these degree programs. REGULAR FACULTY who are currently teaching or have taught in these three degree programs during the last three academic years will be consulted on the curriculum, degree requirements, and program structure that are to be presented to the faculty of the College for its consideration.
2. Has the understanding that any tenured faculty members in the INS Department who wish to do so shall also become faculty of the Program upon the execution of an Agreement that conforms to the requirements of *Faculty Manual* provision C4.4(c) and (d).
3. Expresses the expectation that the Program will be strengthened over time through joint degrees, team-taught courses, cross-listed courses, conferences, publications and other scholarly endeavors.
4. Requests the College take steps over time to bring about greater participation by interested faculty members from other schools and colleges.

RLW/rh

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-07(B) – Establishment of an Interdisciplinary Program in International Studies (College of Arts and Sciences)

APPROVED:  DATE: 10/31/13
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean Bachus

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____