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Glassboro State College Senate Curriculum Committee

Approval Form

Proposal Title: Endorse in Principle Establishment of a BA in Liberal Studies

Sponsor(s) Herman D. James Dept.: President Ext. 5201

Check one: Course Specialization Concentration Minor Achievement Certificate
 Certification Program Major Program Minor Change (please name deletion or credit/title/catalog change)

Undergraduate Graduate _____ Credit Hours

<p>Step 1 (Department)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved _____ Date</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p>_____ Dept. CC Chairperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed _____ Date</p> <p>_____ Dept. Chairperson</p>	<p>Step 2 (Receipt)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SCC# _____</p> <p>Proposal Received _____ Date</p> <p>_____ SCC Chairperson</p>	<p>Step 3 (School CC)</p> <p>Reviewed _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>_____ School Curr. Comm. Chairperson</p>
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Step 4 (Academic Dean) **Comments:**

Recommend
 Not Recommend
 Conditionally Recommend (see comments)

Reviewed _____ Date _____
Signature, Dean of School

Step 5 (SCC)

Open Hearing _____ Date Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee _____ Date

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

Step 6 (Senate)

Presented to Senate _____ Date Approved Not Approved

Notification to Executive Vice-President/Provost _____ Date _____
Signature, SCC Chairperson

Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)

Received _____

Date

If no, reasons are as follows:

Approved Yes No

Student credit hours _____

Faculty load hours _____

Equalized credit hours _____

Official copy and approval sheet filed _____

Date

Signature, Executive Vice-President/Provost

Registrar

Approved course description received _____

Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned _____

Signature, Registrar

Date

Notification forwarded:

- Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Department Chairperson(s)
- Academic Dean(s)
- Registrar
- Sponsor(s)

Recommendation D: That the Board of Trustees Approve in Principle the Establishment of a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Degree, with an Emphasis on Multidisciplinary Approaches.

Such a degree program, which is now available in various forms at a number of institutions, can be useful for a variety of students. Those wanting greater range or scope than a single major provides can use this variation of liberal education to become acquainted in some depth with several fields. Transfers who have gone to two-year institutions and now discover they should go forward to a baccalaureate degree can find its greater potential flexibility a great help in opening up further liberal education to them. And the B.A. in Liberal Studies would be helpful to students of elementary school teaching. Through it they would have an alternative way of meeting their "coordinate major" requirement, with more breadth and flexibility than is presently possible.

Under our present arrangement, the Bachelor of Arts in Education program for Elementary/Early Childhood students requires candidates to take 63-73 semester hours of general education, 30 semester hours of professional major requirements in Elementary Education, and 30-64 semester hours in one of twenty possible "coordinate majors" in subject matter.

The "coordinate major" requirement has the purpose of assuring that Elementary/Early Childhood graduates have a command of some special area of subject matter, as well as being educated in teaching. Our catalog indicates that students can "choose one of the following coordinate majors," and then lists fields from chemistry through history to theatre arts, each with its unique number of semester hours.

The reason I believe it is important for us to add this alternative for our students is simple.

Our graduates go on to assignments where it is often much more likely they will have to be able to demonstrate competence in several subject matter fields, rather than in a single one. A well-planned, basic multidisciplinary program--not confined to one field, but reaching into several--would extend the liberal education of such students, and help prepare them for the range of challenges that are part of the modern world.

I should mention that in 1990 Provost Flack appointed a committee to explore and develop a proposal for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree. This committee will complete its work during the 1991-92 year.

The eloquent and accurate "Focused Mission" statement developed by the Strategic Planning Committee, beginning with the words "Glassboro State College emphasizes the linking of liberal education and career preparation," would be epitomized by the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree.

With approval of this degree in principle, I would then wish to take one faculty position out of existing resources over the next three years, to enable thorough planning and development of such a program under a Coordinator of Liberal Studies, who would report to the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

I urge your favorable consideration of this recommendation.