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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences for a new minor in Latinx Studies will be an agenda item for the January 12, 2018, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
2. **Department/Division:** Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute
3. **Proposed Program:** Minor in Latinx Studies
4. **Proposed Starting Date for Program:** Fall 2018
5. **Program Descriptions - including prefixes, numbers, and titles of required courses, total credit hours (must be 15-18 hours), residency requirements (if any), and grade requirements (if any):**

The purpose of the minor is to train students in a rapidly expanding and interdisciplinary body of scholarship on the Latinx population in the United States, which examines the intersections of Latinx identity with class, gender, sexual orientation, religion and other aspects of an evolving U.S. Latinx experience. "Latinx" is an inclusive term that incorporates intersecting identities of men, women, and those who reject the gender binary, of all racial backgrounds, who have cultural ties to Latin America and the Caribbean. Tracing its origins to the Chicano movement and related forms of activism in the 1960s, Latinx Studies and closely related programs (Latino/a, Chicano/a, and Puerto Rican Studies) are currently offered in over 400 U.S. universities. Culturally competent understanding of the U.S. Latinx population will be an essential skill in many majors as this community continues to grow in the Southeast (where the Latinx population increased by almost 70 percent between 2000 and 2010) and beyond. Georgia's Latinx population nearly doubled between 2000 and 2010, and it now has the tenth-highest number of Latinx residents among U.S. states. LACS comprises core and affiliate faculty with expertise in U.S. Latinx studies as well as Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and is thus uniquely equipped to place the U.S. Latinx experience in an international context. As an institute whose reach spans across campus and academic disciplines, LACS is best positioned among UGA institutes and departments to focalize this body of cutting-edge theories, methodologies, and empirical research. The minor will offer students who pursue training in this area a credential that will complement their scholarship and enhances their marketability to employers whose constituencies include the U.S. Latinx population.

Requirements:

- A minor must contain at least 9 hours of upper division course work.
- Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.
- Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.
- All courses used to satisfy the minor requirement must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.

Students seeking a minor in Latinx Studies must complete 15 hours as follows:

Required (6 hours):

ROML 2550/SPAN 2550, Latino Literature, Language and Culture OR LACS 2010,
Multidisciplinary Latino/a Studies

AND

HIST 2040, Latinos/Latinas in the United States

Electives (9 hours):

Three courses selected from the list below; students are responsible for fulfilling any prerequisites for the courses.

Note: Students may appeal for the inclusion of any upper-division course not on this list, as long as it has at least 25% content dedicated to Latinx issues.

AFAM(ROML) 4860/6860, Topics in Afro-Hispanic Identity

ANTH 3540, Multicultural Health Care

ECHD(LACS) 4660/6660, U.S. Latino/a Mental Health: An Introduction

EDUC(LACS) 5710/7710, Issues in Latino Education

HIST 4110H, Multicultural Georgia (Honors)

INTL 4630, Population, Immigration, and Politics

LLED 4620/6620, ESOL Service Learning (3 credits or more)

ROML 4030, Advanced Topics in Latino Literatures and Cultures

SPAN 4030, Advanced Topics in Latino Literatures and Cultures

SPAN(LACS) 4090S, Practicum in Service Learning

SPAN(LING) 4652, Spanish Dialectology and Language Variation

WMST 4170S/6170S, Environment, Gender, Race, and Class

Approvals on File

Proposal: Minor in Latinx Studies

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department: Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2018

Department:

- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute Director, Dr. Richard Gordon, 9/18/2017

School/College:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 10/18/2017