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To: Don Betz, Chancellor
116 North Hall
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

From: David Rainville, Chair
Faculty Senate
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2007/2008/63

At the May 7, 2008 meeting of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty senate, motion 2007-2008/63 was passed. This motion is forwarded for your action

A motion from AP &P to adopt a program change (minor change) in Ethnic Studies.

X Approved

[Signature] Disapproved

[Signature]
Don Betz, Chancellor

5/29/08
Date

TRANSMITTAL for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Changes or Proposals

I. INFORMATION:

A. Check all that apply: New Program Existing Program
 Name Change Credits Change
 Substantial Major / Minor Content Change Emphasis/Option Change

B. Program Title: Ethnic Studies

C. Department(s) (Originating):

D. College(s) (Originating): CAS

E. Other Programs / Departments Consulted (Requires letters of support from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):

- 1) Journalism 2)
 3) 4)

F. Date of Implementation: Fall Semester 08-09 Year

G. Have all courses in this program been approved? Yes No If "No", which ones?

H. Attach Request Narrative

II. UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Department Chairs and Deans whose programs will be substantially affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and Colleges (noted in "E" above), are on the back of this form. These signatures should be obtained prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair (optional)	_____	_____
Department Chair	<i>godw</i> _____	3/28/08
College Curriculum Cmtd. Chair	_____	_____
Dean of College	<i>B. Kady</i> _____	4/1/08
University Curriculum Cmtd. Chair	<i>Steven McLean</i> _____	4/15/08
Academic Policy & Program Cmtd. Chair	<i>Jo ZH</i> _____	4/29/08
Faculty Senate Chair	<i>Nand P. Rainville</i> _____	5/12/08
Provost / Vice Chancellor	<i>C. J. J. J.</i> _____	5-29-08

Chancellor _____

Signature Date

***NOTE:** The master copy of this transmittal & accompanying documents must be filed in the Provost's office upon final approval. The Provost's office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Registrar, Dean(s), & Department Chair(s)] of approvals & necessary actions to implement changes.

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Department & College Approval Signatures

	Signature	Date
Department Chair	<i>Journalism</i> <i>Colleen Callahan</i>	3-27-08
College Curriculum Cmtt. Chair	_____	_____
Dean of College	_____	_____

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Department Chair	_____	_____
College Curriculum Cmtt. Chair	_____	_____
Dean of College	_____	_____

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Dean of College	_____	_____

Narrative-Proposed Change to the Ethnic Studies Minor

On March 10, 2008, the Ethnic Studies Committee agreed to change our current curriculum as outlined below.

The current curriculum calls for one required course and then allows for several sets of directed electives, including electives in American Ethnicity, electives in Specific Ethnic Groups and courses relating to an Ethnic Heritage (with subgroups including International Ethnicity and courses relevant to the American Ethnic Experience).

As you can see from our proposed curriculum, we would like to reduce and simplify these directed electives to include three (3) main sets-one set focused on the *impact* of being the member of an American Ethnic Groups (9 credits), one set focused on the cultural products or experiences of these American Ethnic Groups (6-9 credits), and a final set focused on the heritage of American Ethnic Groups and International Issues (3-6 credits).

NOTE-the first Set of Electives (focused on the impact of being the member of an American Ethnic Group) contains ONE NEW COURSE-Journalism 315: Race, Class, and News

We have designed it this way for a few reasons: (1) to simplify the minor as well as to (2) focus more attention on the impact or experiences of American Ethnic Group Members and (3) place a slightly lesser focus on the heritage of American Ethnic Group Members and on international issues. We believe that the heritage of these groups and international issues are important, but we would like for our students to get as much coursework as possible in areas that are close to the goals of our program: helping students understand the experiences of American Ethnic Groups and to understand how ethnicity intersects with other factors (gender, class, and religion) across institutions and experiences. The courses focused on the *impact* as well as the cultural *products and experiences* of American Ethnic Groups would seem to support those goals quite well, with heritage and international courses playing a more supporting role.

Ethnic Studies Minor (as of March 2008)

Minor Requirements: 24 Total Credits

Required Courses: 3 cr. hrs.

ETHN 200 Introduction to Ethnic Studies 3 cr.

Directed Electives: Electives in American Ethnicity 6 cr. hrs.

ECON 312 Political Economy of Discrimination 3 cr.

ENGL 206 Ethnic Film and Literature 3 cr.

ENGL 235 American Autobiography 3 cr.

ENGL 443 American Ethnic Women Writers 3 cr.

HIST 204 U.S. Immigration and Ethnic History 3 cr.

MNGT 330 Managing Workplace Diversity 3 cr.

PHIL 245 Islamic and Oriental Religions in the U.S. 3 cr.

POLS 212 The Politics of Equality and Inequality in the United States 3 cr.

PSYC 285 Psychology of Prejudice and Racism 3 cr.

SCTA 230 Playwrights of Color 3 cr.

SCTA 313 Intercultural Communication 3 cr.

Directed Electives: 9 cr. hrs.

Electives in Specific Ethnic Groups

ANTH 228 Native American Cultures 3 cr.

ENGL 203 Literature of the African American Experience 3 cr.

ENGL 212 The Native American in Literature 3 cr.

ETHN 270 Puerto Rican Society 3 cr.

HIST 206 Native Americans and the United States 3 cr.

HIST 207 African-American History 3 cr.

HIST 208 History of Mexican-Americans 3 cr.

MUS 255 History of Jazz 3 cr.

Directed Electives: Supporting Courses 6 cr. hrs.

Courses Relating to an Ethnic Heritage

ART 314 Art of China, India, and Japan 3 cr.

ART 318 Latin American Art 2 cr.

GEOG 342 Latin America 3 cr.

GEOG 343 Africa 3 cr.

GEOG 344 Asia and Oceania 3 cr.

HIST 201 Introduction to Asian Civilization 3 cr.

HIST 202 Introduction to Latin American Civilizations 3 cr.

POLS 348 Politics of East Asia 3 cr.

Courses Relevant to the American Ethnic Experience

GEOG 237 Poverty in the United States 3 cr.

WMST 200 Introduction to Women's Studies 3 cr.

ESM 307 Multicultural Perspectives on the Environment 3 cr.

Courses Relating to International Race and Ethnicity maximum of 3 cr. hrs.

MNTG 310 Culture and Business 3 cr.

MODL 376 Mexico: A Cultural Experience 3 cr.

HIST 436 History of Colonialism and Imperialism 3 cr.

CBE 370 International Study Tour for Business and Economics 3 cr.

Proposed New Curriculum:

Required Course (3 Credits)

ETHN 200-Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Directed Electives (9 Credits)-Courses that focus on the *impact* of being a member of an American ethnic group

PSYC 285-The Psychology of Prejudice and Racism
ECON 312 Political Economy of Discrimination
HIST 204 U.S. Immigration and Ethnic History
MNGT 330 Managing Workplace Diversity
POLS 212 The Politics of Equality and Inequality in the United States
CSTA 313 Intercultural Communication
GEOG 237 Poverty in the United States
WMST 200 Introduction to Women's Studies
NEW NAME: ESM 307 Cultural Perspectives on the Environment
NEW COURSE: JOUR 315 Race, Class, and News

Directed Electives-(6-9 Credits)-Courses that focus on the *products and experiences* of American ethnic groups

NEW NAME: ENGL 307-Ethnic Film, Literature and Culture
ENGL 235 American Autobiography
ENGL 443 American Ethnic Women Writers
NEW NAME: PHIL 245 Eastern Religions and Islam
CSTA 230 Playwrights of Color
ANTH 228 Native American Cultures
ENGL 203 Literature of the African American Experience
ENGL 212 The Native American in Literature
ETHN 270 Puerto Rican Society
HIST 206 Native Americans and the United States
HIST 207 African-American History
NEW NAME: HIST 208 History of the Mexican-American/Chicano
MUS 255 History of Jazz

Directed Electives (3-6 Credits)-Courses that focus on *specific ethnic heritage or international issues*

ART 314 Art of China, India, and Japan
ART 318 Latin American Art
GEOG 342 Latin America
GEOG 343 Africa
GEOG 344 Asia and Oceania
HIST 201 Introduction to Asian Civilization
HIST 202 Introduction to Latin American Civilizations
POLS 348 Politics of East Asia
MNTG 310 Culture and Business
MODL 376 Mexico: A Cultural Experience
HIST 436 History of Colonialism and Imperialism
CBE 370 International Study