

**March 6, 2008**

**TO:** Wendy Larson, CAS Dean

**FROM:** Representatives of the 2007-8 CAS Curriculum Committee  
William Rossi, Principal Reviewer  
Hal Sadofsky, CASCC Chair for 2007-8

**SUBJECT:** Proposal for a Minor in Queer and Sexuality Studies,  
submitted by the Queer Studies Committee

The CAS Curriculum Committee has reviewed and unanimously approved the enclosed Queer Studies Committee proposal for a new instructional program leading to a minor in Queer and Sexuality Studies. The minor, to be administered through Women's and Gender Studies, will be obtained by taking a structured set of courses currently offered by a multidisciplinary range of UO faculty with expertise in the study of sexuality, gender expression, and family formation. Therefore, no new curricular resources are required. We found the proposal to be well-conceived and to make a significant contribution to the cause of liberal education at the UO. Developed expressly in response to student demand, the minor will provide students with a general and concentrated knowledge of sexuality as a complex historical, cultural, and intersectional formation, combining coursework in Anthropology, History, Classics, Folklore, and Religious Studies as well as Women's and Gender Studies. The CAS Curriculum Committee concluded that the minor was well-structured, and that, having met all our requirements for intellectual rigor and coherence, would considerably enrich the CAS Curriculum.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The Queer Studies Committee requested that the new minor be operational at the beginning of next academic year. Since proposals for minors do not require OUS approval, we hope that the Undergraduate Council will be able to complete its review and forward the approved proposal to the UOCC well before the end of spring term. The new minor could therefore be listed as **effective Fall 2008** in the UOCC Spring 2008 Curriculum Report to the Senate.