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TO: Wendy Larson, CAS Dean

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

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Minor in European Studies, submitted by the European Studies Committee

The CAS Curriculum Committee has reviewed and unanimously approved the enclosed European Studies Committee proposal for a minor in European Studies.

This minor will replace the European Studies Certificate currently offered by the University. The proposal is structured similarly to the certificate that it replaces. Both programs include 24 credits of course work, plus the same foreign language requirements and a similar research paper requirement. The certificate had an 8 credit core, which the minor has replaced with a (4 credit) gateway course and a (4 credit) capstone course.

We found the proposal to be well-structured and coherently described, and academically sound. The goal of this proposal is to replace a certificate program (which apparently seems confusing to undergraduates) with a minor (a term whose meaning is apparently more widely understood). Although certificate programs require OUS approval and thus have a higher status in some sense, the European Studies Committee has not found this fact sufficiently appreciated by students to counterbalance the more common confusion.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The European Studies Committee requested that the minor be operational as soon as it is approved. We hope that the Undergraduate Council can consider this proposal either in spring 2008 or in fall 2008 and forward it to the UOCC at the beginning or during fall of 2008. The new minor could then, if circumstances permit, be listed as **effective Winter 2008** in the UOCC Fall 2008 Curriculum Report to the Senate.

Approved

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