



December 15, 2014

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sarjeet Gill, Chair, Executive Committee
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

Re: Student Proposal for Gender Studies Breadth Requirements

The CNAS Executive Committee at their December 10th meeting reviewed the Student Proposal for Gender Studies Breadth Requirements. The Committee agrees inclusion of a gender studies breadth requirement would enhance student experience and may contribute to further acceptance of diversity and tolerance at UC Riverside. However, some concerns were expressed as noted below:

- The committee notes a large number of classes are proposed that could meet the Gender Studies Breadth Requirement. However, some courses suggested do not appear to be relevant to the overall objectives outlined in the proposal. For example, History 120B-The Supreme Court and the Constitution, may discuss gender in a week's lecture, while other courses listed provide more in depth analyses. Consequently, we believe the suggested courses should be vetted by a faculty committee, with representation from CNAS, to verify that it meets the five criteria listed in the proposal.
- Most of the classes listed on the proposal are upper division courses that may require prerequisites, therefore making it more difficult for CNAS students to enroll, and could thereby delay their graduation. The committee suggests an analysis be made to determine how many upper division classes require prerequisites, and how this would impact the ability of CNAS students to enroll in these classes, and graduate in a timely fashion.