

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:

Reorganization of the Program for the Study of Religion to the Department of Religion

SPONSOR:

Program for the Study of Religion

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COLLEGE SPONSOR:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This is a reorganization that reflects our operation as an autonomous academic unit.

JUSTIFICATION: We function in all respects like a regular department: we have thirteen tenure-track and tenured faculty appointments, an undergraduate major and minor, and teach a large amount of students through our general education courses. Religious Studies has been a Program since it was formed as an academic unit around three decades ago. The term "Program" is taken by some to bespeak an ad hoc status. It is time for us to formalize our status as an academic department within the University of Illinois.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

The budgetary consequences are minimal - buying new letterhead and updating other print material and websites.

- a. No additional staff and dollars needed
- b. No internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)
- c. No effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments
- d. No impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: No impact on undergraduate education.

CLEARANCES:

Robert M. ...
Department

9/6/07
Date

David M. ...
College

11/13/07
Date

Provost

Date

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: upon approval.

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

Name will be changed on the header for all curricula entries in the Programs of Study.