



April 9, 2009

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We have no objection to the proposed PhD degree in Transborder Studies as offered by your unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal A. Lester". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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TO: CLAS Curriculum Committee

FR: Mark L. von Hagen, Chair
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RE: Support of PhD Program Proposal

By this memo I lend my support to the PhD program as proposed by the Department of Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies. After reviewing the PhD proposal document, it is clear that the new program will not impact the History doctoral program. The proposal is unique and transborder and leads to an eventual dual PhD program with the Colegio de la Frontera Norte (main headquarters in Tijuana Baja California).

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To whom it may concern:

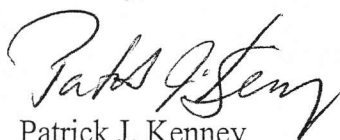
I am writing to support the creation of a Ph.D. program in Transborder Studies. The program will be placed in the Department of Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies. This program emerges from a highly interdisciplinary unit that is growing in virtually all measures of success (e.g., majors, young talented scholars, grant funding, funding from donors). The program has two concentrations, Transborder Migration, Health and Applied Social Policy and Transborder Media and Expressive Culture. The Department has in place core faculty as well as associated faculty across the university to deliver this curriculum that uniquely straddles the social sciences and humanities.

Writing from the perspective of the chair of the Department of Political Science, we support the program enthusiastically. The discipline of Political Science is inherently interdisciplinary and has been for a long time. The ASU Department has five broad areas of study and each incorporates an expansive approach to the study of politics. In addition, students in the Ph.D. program in the Department of Political Science at ASU are quite interdisciplinary in the formation of their research topics and dissertations and the faculty are very eclectic toward the study of politics (e.g., political philosophers, experimentalists, econometricians, field research, case study, qualitative approaches broadly defined). The program in Transborder Studies will most certainly draw students from our Department into their seminars. And, we welcome the opportunity to teach any of their students in our seminars as appropriate for their programs of study. In addition, we anticipate that faculty from both units will serve on testing and dissertation committees. The Transborder program is a natural fit for us, especially the social science concentration, and will only improve our ability to deliver the Ph.D. in Political Science.

The program in Transborder Studies will be in demand not only in Arizona but from students across the Southwest and in countries stretching from Mexico well into South America. The program has an intriguing business plan that places little burden on the University. The program is beginning with a modest number of students reflecting the difficult academic job market. The program director has experience in launching, implementing and executing this kind of program.

This program deserves an opportunity to flourish. I support the program wholeheartedly. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Kenney
Professor and Chair

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PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR

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Tempe, Arizona, March 23, 2009

Dear Carlos,

It is with pleasure that I read your proposal for the new PhD in Transborder Studies. This is an exciting new development that will, without a doubt, contribute to bringing our two units closer together in the next years. It fits well within the general interdisciplinary aims of what we are trying to do at ASU and in SHESC.

In particular, apart from Gaku and possibly Alex, I think also that Lisa Meierotto might eventually (once she finishes her PhD) be interested in participating in it, in view of her experiences on the border in recent years.

Wishing you, and your Unit and this PhD program well,

Yours sincerely,



Sander van der Leeuw