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TO: Dean Jack Ellis  
FROM: Liberal Arts Curriculum Advisory Committee  
SUBJECT: Proposed Women's Studies Minor

The Liberal Arts College Curriculum Advisory Committee unanimously endorses the proposal for a minor in Women's Studies. We find the proposed program to be intellectually sound and comparable to the best of the 425 Women's studies minors currently offered in other colleges and universities. The proposed program grows out of a university-wide women's studies group, active since 1990, which has involved faculty from Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, and Nursing, as well as from the six Liberal Arts College departments where faculty are already teaching courses

relevant to the proposed interdisciplinary curriculum. The enthusiasm of this number of faculty members for the proposed program, together with the enrollments in these courses (average enrollment of 23 in the 25 courses reported for the period 1991-93), indicate a strong likelihood of success for the program. A Women's Studies Student Organization, recently recognized by SGA, also bodes well for the program's ability to attract students. Finally, the proposal shows careful attention to curricular and administrative planning and indicates that the program can be implemented at very little cost (\$9,300 estimated annual budget).

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