PROPOSAL: Transfer the Minor in Race and Ethnic Relations from CAS Interdisciplinary Programs to the Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies

Background

The Executive Board of the Faculty Senate has approved the transfer of the Minor in Race and Ethnic Relations from Interdisciplinary Programs - College of Arts and Sciences to the Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies, also in the College of Arts and Sciences. This is a change in administrative structure only. Courses and programs previously housed in the Lewis Walker Institute, which is listed by the registrar under the College of Arts and Sciences/Interdisciplinary Programs, will now be administratively housed in the IIAS. This will allow more efficient administration of these and other programs and will allow us to expand these programs significantly in the coming years. Both the Director of IIAS and LWI propose to move the Minor in Race and Ethnic Relations into IIAS given the similarities and overlap with racial justice. Because LWI is a service unit, and much of its instructional funding and advising resources come from CAS, it makes sense to move the administration of the minor to a degree-granting interdisciplinary unit like IIAS. We seek only to move the minor, and not to merge the units.

Recommended Action

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