**Motion to Replace Humanities Categories With Approval Criteria**

**Motion:** The Committee on General Education moves that the Humanities Requirement Areas be eliminated and the Humanities Approval Criteria alone govern which courses satisfy the Humanities Requirement, with an equivalent limit on the number of credit hours taken from the same discipline.

**Introduction:** On February 7, 2012 the senate passed approval criteria for each of the General Education requirements to be used to evaluate whether or not a proposed course should be approved for certification under a given requirement. As a consequence, the Committee on General Education recommends elimination from the description of the Humanities requirement the areas: Art History, Communication, British or American Literature, First-Year Seminar, Foreign Literature, History, Honors, Interdisciplinary, Music, Philosophy, Theatre or Religious Studies. Consideration for certification under the Humanities requirement should only depend upon whether or not a course satisfies the approval criteria for the requirement, and not on its alignment with one of the dozen or so areas.)

**Current Wording:**

The Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education Requirements:

Humanities: 12 credit hours from the following areas with no more than six credit hours in any one of the following areas:

British or American literature
Any foreign literature
Art history (not courses in studio art)
Music (not courses in practice or performance of music)
Theatre (not courses in practice or performance of theatre)
History (excluding the classes used to satisfy the general education history requirement)
Philosophy
Religious studies
(Certain interdisciplinary courses may also be applied to the humanities requirement. For a listing of humanities courses, visit the Office of the Registrar's website.)

**Proposed wording:**

Humanities: 12 credit hours from approved humanities courses, with no more than six credit hours with the same prefix. (For a listing of humanities courses, visit the Office of the Registrar's website.)