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TO: Executive Committee
   University Faculty Senate

FROM: Marilyn Bendena, Chair
       Liberal Studies Program Committee

RE: Definitions of the component parts of the Foreign Culture/Minority/Gender Requirement

The Liberal Studies Program Committee has noted that definitions of the component parts of the Foreign Culture/Minority/Gender Requirement have never been established. The Committee recommends the following definitions:

A foreign culture refers to a nation or region outside the United States. A minority culture refers to a minority population within the United as defined by the U.S. government, i.e. African-American, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific, Native American, or Alaska Native. Gender courses examine the distinctive cultural experiences of men and women.