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TO: Executive Committee
University Faculty Senate

FROM: Marilyn Bendena, Chair
Liberal Studies Program Committee

RE: Criteria for the Review of 300-level Courses Included in the Liberal Studies Program

The Liberal Studies Program Committee was asked to provide criteria for the review of 300-level courses included in the Liberal Studies Program. The Committee recommends the following criteria:

1. Freshmen should be excluded from the 300-level courses listed in the clusters of the Liberal Studies Program.

2. Students may take only one 300-level course from the list of approved 300-level courses in fulfillment of the LSP requirement for each of the three cluster areas.

3. The Liberal Studies Program Committee must be especially vigilant in reviewing the 300-level courses to ensure that the courses encourage critical thinking and that they meet the requirements of breadth and of providing knowledge which is interrelated. In view of these goals, several questions on the LSP Audit Form have been revised so that instructors will point out concrete examples of how they address these goals on their syllabus and/or exams or assignments.