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TO: Dean Augustine
FROM: Mary Anne Hanner, Dean
DATE: February 26, 2010
RE: Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting of February 26, 2010

The following was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting on February 26, 2010 to be effective Fall 2010. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Requested Change: Add writing intensive designation to PLS 4943 (American Political Thought)

Rationale for change:

- a. Rationale: The rationale for the request is two fold
 - i. As currently taught, the course meets the criteria for the writing intensive designation as well over 35% of the grade comes from writing. 60 percent of the grade is from papers and the other 40 percent comes from exams (of which a major portion is essay). In addition, the writing intensive requirement that at least one paper be subject to a re-write is also in place.
 - ii. Adding the writing intensive designation will ensure that writing remains a major component of the course – something which is important as writing is included within the move toward greater integrative learning. Another writing intensive course will simply provide an additional option for our students.

Effective Year/Term: Fall 2010.