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To: The Council on Academic Affairs and Council on Graduate Studies

From: Amy Lynch, Registrar

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Subject: Planned Course Numbering Change

Both CAA and CGS recently reviewed and approved a proposal to allow the creation of accelerated graduate programs. These programs, when approved, will allow undergraduate students to register for courses that will be used in their undergraduate program and be "shared" to their subsequent graduate program. To facilitate the identification of these students and the courses being used in this way, the Graduate School will direct that students be registered in a version of the course that ends with the identifier of "Z".

This mechanism is favored by the Office of the Registrar, but there are a few courses ending in Z already in our catalog. These independent study and special topics courses were created using every available letter of the alphabet. Since we need to reserve the "Z" for this new use so that all courses ending in Z will reliably indicate this special status, and since many additional courses in those sequences will continue for the departments to use, I request the following courses ending in "Z" be ended after Summer 2018:

ANT 3960Z – Special Topics in Anthropology

CDS 5400Z – Special Topics

KSS 4900Z – Special Topics: Olympic-Style Weightlifting

PHY 3010Z – Special Topics in Physics Z

PHY 4410Z – Independent Study Z

PHY 4800Z – Advanced Independent Study Z

SOC 3960Z – Special Topics in Sociology

I have written the department chairs involved to warn them of this action and all of them indicated this would not create a problem in their offices.