

APPENDIX D

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DISCONTINUE A DEGREE PROGRAM

Date: ___December 12, 2014_____

Constituent Institution: **North Carolina State University**

CIP Discipline Specialty Title: **Women's Studies**

CIP Discipline Specialty Number: **05-0207** Level: **B** **X** **M** _____ **I** _____ **D** _____

Title of Authorized Program: **Womens and Gender Studies**

Degree Abbreviation: **BA**

Date of Proposed Discontinuation: **June 21015**

Does the discontinuation of the program involve the discontinuation of an off-site or online delivery of the program? Program **N/A** Site or Online **N/A**

If the program to be discontinued is offered at off-campus sites, please list them. **N/A**

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1. Explain why the program is being discontinued.

Despite the fact that Womens and Gender Studies is efficiently administered through sharing resources within Interdisciplinary Studies, cross listing courses from existing faculty, teaching courses through DE, having high course enrollments, and contributing significantly to general education requirements in Humanities, Global Knowledge, US Diversity, and Interdisciplinary Perspectives, the program has a small numbers of undergraduate majors and graduates. As a result, NC State recommends that the bachelor's degree be discontinued because of long-term and persistent low enrollment and very few degrees awarded and the fact that the program is highly unlikely to grow sufficiently to have a critical mass of students.

2. If the program addresses high priority needs, how will those needs be addressed by other programs?

We are recommending that three programs (050201 Africana Studies, 050207 Womens and Gender Studies and 240101 Interdisciplinary Studies) being consolidated as three concentrations (Womens and Gender Studies, Africana Studies, Individual Studies) within the existing Interdisciplinary Studies (CIP 240101) major at NC State. We will discontinue the Womens and Gender Studies degree. Existing

students will be transferred to the IDS degree and complete their work within the newly established concentration.

3. Describe steps to be taken to allow students enrolled in the program to complete their courses of study.

Students in the present BA in Womens and Gender Studies will be offered the choice of continuing in the program and earning the degree or switching to the new concentration within the existing Interdisciplinary Studies (CIP 240101) major. NC State will officially discontinue the program when all continuing students have been graduated or have otherwise left the program. The university will cease accepting applications for the BA in Womens and Gender Studies at the beginning of spring semester 2015. Applications already submitted will be transferred to the concentration, and the director of Womens and Gender Studies will notify those applicants of the change in physiology education. The initial enrollment of students in the concentration will be in fall semester 2015.

Consequences of Discontinuation

How many faculty members will be reassigned? **None**

How many staff will be reassigned? **None**

How many EPA non-faculty will be reassigned? **None**

How many faculty, staff, or EPA non-faculty will be discontinued? **None**

How much funding is to be reallocated based on this discontinuation? **None**

Name, title, telephone, and e-mail of contact person for this notification of discontinuation:

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Signature of Chancellor (or designee): _____