

LGBTQ Studies Minor

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Co-Sponsors:
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Date of Voting:

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Final Vote:

Sens Present

Recommendation

Yea

Nay

Abstain

President's Signature



VP Senate Affairs Signature



Whereas, Ithaca College prides itself on being one of the best colleges in the country for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans* and Queer (LGBTQ) people to attend, work, and experience,

Whereas, Ithaca College has made diversity a priority for the campus, which includes the courses offered to students and the courses students are required to take,

Whereas, the call for a LGBTQ studies minor has been made in the past to no avail,

Whereas, a student in the past graduated with a Queer Studies degree through the Planned Studies program that might provide insight for the structure and course make-up of the minor,

Whereas, there are several classes being offered that deal with topics that could fit under this minor,

Whereas, there are faculty that are willing to teach additional classes in topics that would fit into the minor,

Whereas, an experimental Queer Studies course was made for the Fall 2014 semester,

Whereas, that course filled to capacity within the first 48 hours of registration and the capacity of the course had to be increased to accommodate the students,

Whereas, despite the increased capacity, the course still had 2 students who were let in over capacity,

Whereas, for Spring 2015, the course filled to capacity during the first two days of registration and six students were let in over capacity with others still on a waiting list,

Whereas, this course fulfills the GE 1: Self & Society, GE 3a: Verbal Language, (ICC) Diversity, (ICC) Humanities and Liberal Arts, (ICC) Social Sciences, (ICC) Theme: Identities, (ICC) Theme: Power and Justice electives,

Whereas, similar courses in the minor would fulfill these electives and work towards an intersectional curriculum that Ithaca College prides itself on offering to students,

Whereas, in Spring 2014 the Women's Studies Department changed their name to the Women and Gender Studies (WGST) Department,

Whereas, a LGBTQ Studies minor would fall under the WGST Department as a result of the name change,

Whereas, the WGST Department has held preliminary discussions on housing the LGBTQ Studies minor, should it be created,

It is resolved that the Ithaca College Student Government Association recommend that Ithaca College create a LGBTQ studies minor,

It is also resolved that during the creation of this minor, the LGBT Center, the Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity, and the Women and Gender Studies Department be consulted to ensure the minor covers all necessary topics in order to be as inclusive and intersectional as possible.