

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Establishment of the Graduate Certificate in South Asian StudiesRECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents grant authority to the graduate faculty of the South Asia Center in the Jackson School of International Studies to offer the Graduate Certificate in South Asian Studies, effective Autumn Quarter 2010. The certificate program will have provisional status with a review to be scheduled in the 2015-2016 academic year. At such time that continuing status is granted, a ten-year review cycle would begin.

BACKGROUND

In November, 2009, the Graduate School Dean received a request from the graduate faculty of the South Asia Center to establish a Graduate Certificate in South Asian Studies. This certificate will be housed in the South Asia Center in the Jackson School of International Studies.

The Graduate Certificate in South Asian Studies responds to increasing demand among UW graduate and professional students for training and knowledge in the area of South Asian studies. Much of this interest is fueled by the growing prominence of South Asian countries, especially India and Pakistan, on the global scene. The curriculum will provide students with a foundation in the study of South Asian societies, politics, and cultures and is designed to enhance diverse career goals within and beyond specific area studies. The total certificate requirements encompass 16 credits of coursework.

The program will be available to matriculated graduate and professional students as well as to non-matriculated graduate students. It anticipates a total of 15 enrolled students at any given time.

The Graduate School Council met on February 4, 2010, to discuss the Graduate Certificate in South Asian Studies proposal. The Council unanimously recommended that the proposal be forwarded to the Board of Regents for review and approval.

The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Provost have reviewed and approved the recommendation for program implementation.