October 18, 2012

Interim Dean Robert C. Stacey
College of Arts and Sciences
Box 353765

Dear Bob:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in American Indian Studies. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of American Indian Studies is authorized to specify these requirements beginning summer quarter 2012.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Michael K. Young
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Elissa Washuta (with enclosure)
       Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
       Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
       Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure AIS-20120517)

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College/Campus Arts and Sciences	**Department/Unit** American Indian Studies	**Date** 5/7/12

New Programs

☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.

☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____.

☐ Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____.

☐ Leading to a minor in _____

Changes to Existing Programs

☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.

☐ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.

■ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in American Indian Studies within the Bachelor of Arts.

☐ Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____.

☐ Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____.

Other Changes

☐ Change name of program from _____ to _____.

☐ New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____.

☐ Eliminate program in _____.

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:** ☐ Autumn ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ■ Summer **Year: 20** 12

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (*Use additional pages if necessary*).

Elimination of required completion of Senior Project (AIS 498, 5 credits) for AIS major. The Senior Project will be optional, and AIS will develop a research methods class to provide a capstone experience for majors.

Students will still be required to complete 25 credits for the major at the 300 level or above at the UW.

See attached email for additional rationale.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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Major Requirements

55 credits as follows:

1. Introductory courses (10 credits): Two courses from AIS 102, AIS 201, AIS 202, and AIS 203. Other courses may be approved by the American Indian Studies chair.
2. American Indian Studies electives (40 credits): Chosen from AIS courses or a select list of courses from other departments. (See program adviser or departmental Website for complete list.)
3. Senior project (5 credits): AIS 498 or approved alternative.
4. Minimum 25 credits for the major at the 300 level or above must be completed at the UW.

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications). **Please note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

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55 credits as follows:

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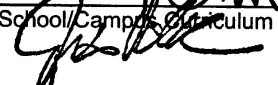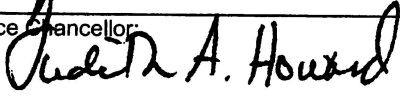
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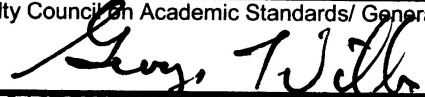|	Date:
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Instead of a mandatory Senior Project the Department of American Indian Studies will provide students with non-mandatory options. Students who wish to carry out in-depth research will have the option of taking the Senior Research project. In order to emphasize the research process and in order to carry out projects that carry over into two or three quarters students will be allowed to take AIS 498 more than one time. In addition to the research methods class that Professor Sasha Harmon teaches, Professor Dian Million will also offer a research class. The AIS faculty observed that most students needed more than a single quarter to design and carry out an advanced research project.