COMMITTEE ON COURSES

October 10, 2022

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Aerika Loyd, Chair
Committee on Courses

Re: Department Name Change Proposal for Religious Studies

The Committee on Courses reviewed the department name change proposal for Religious Studies at their October 5, 2022 meeting on behalf of their charge of courses and instruction. The Committee is supportive of the department’s proposal to change their name to the Department for the Study of Religion.

The Committee noted concern with the request to change the department’s subject code to REL (or RELG) and requests that the proposal be updated to document the rationale for changing the course subject code based on the proposed name change. The Registrar reminded the Committee that the standard campus naming convention for programs that include “study” is to include “ST” at the end of the subject code. Additionally, a proposed change to the subject code would significantly impact the campus as course change proposals will need to be submitted in the Course Request System (CRS) to renumber all department courses including cross-listed courses and to update mentions of department courses in prerequisite statements. The academic catalog will also need to be updated with undergraduate program changes to reflect the changes to courses. The Committee recommends that the department consult with the Registrar’s Office to learn more about the implications for changing the subject code.