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TO: Phillip Anzalone, Chair

College Council Curriculum Committee

FROM: Curriculum Subcommittee

David Lee (Chair), Elena Filatova, Henry Africk,

RE: Final Report for Review of Academic/Discipline Minor Proposals

Minor proposals reviewed (by number and proposal title)

• 20C Catalog Changes to Psychology Course Offerings

• 20D Academic Minor in Gender & Sexuality Studies

• 20E Academic Minor in Theatre Studies

• 20G Academic Minor in Black Visual Cultures

• 20H Academic Minor in Art History and Visual Culture

• 20M/N Business Minor

**Description of Proposals**

These proposals offer new and exciting ways for students declare a secondary academic focus or disciplinary interest during their undergraduate studies. The minors are designed in accordance with the framework proposed by the College Council Curriculum Subcommittee on academic and discipline minors. Minors should require 12-15 credit hours; a C grade or higher, and at least one course must be required for all students.

**Strengths**

These minors offer a diverse and contemporary array of choices for students with interest in psychology, sexuality and gender studies, black visual culture, art history, theater, and business. The minors are carefully designed and proposed, and each contains a persuasive rationale. The addition of minors adds to student resources and is in keeping with the City Tech academic mission of using multidisciplinary and creative approaches to understand technology in social contexts.

**Weaknesses**

None

**Issues and Concerns Discussed**

Suggestions and comments were mainly related to formatting, wording, grammar, and clarification of requirements and electives. A suggestion was made to rename a major, and greater consistency in the terminology regarding the core/required/elective courses was requested. All individual comments were thoroughly and carefully addressed by the proposers, with changes made as requested and/or clarification provided.

**Subcommittee activities**

The proposals were provided to the subcommittee in October 2020. The subcommittee read and reviewed the proposals and compared them to the *Resolution for Criteria and Process for Proposing a Discipline Minor* document. The subcommittee met on November 2nd with SoAS Dean Vazquez-Poritz and SoPS Dean Smith to present comments. The comments were relayed to the proposers by the Deans and revised proposals were provided.