

FACULTY MEETING

March 31, 2023

MOTION

The Curriculum Committee moves to eliminate the French Area Studies major.

Rationale: The French section of the Department of World Languages & Literatures petitioned the Curriculum Committee to terminate the French Area Studies major, an interdisciplinary major that combines coursework in the French section with coursework on French topics in other departments. The reasoning is twofold: First, the French Area Studies major is no longer viable given that relevant courses in other departments are not offered with sufficient frequency to allow students to reliably complete the requirements. Second, the French Area Studies major has become redundant; the interdisciplinary interests it once served are now served by the general French major thanks to more varied course offerings in the French program on campus and through Skidmore in France. There are no students currently enrolled in the French Area Studies major, nor any resources specifically allocated to it.