MEMORANDUM

TO: John Townshend
Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Establish a Minor in Law and Society (PCC Log no. 13016)

At its meeting on November 1, 2013, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses approved your proposal to establish a Minor in Law and Society. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective Spring 2014. Please ensure that the change is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

MDC/

Enclosure

cc: Marilee Lindemann, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology
Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
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Katherine Russell, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Law and Society Minor Proposal, March 2013

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM/UNIT PROPOSAL

College/School: Behavioral & Social Sciences

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Department/Program:

Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: 1280101

Type of Action (choose one):

New Minor

Summary of Proposed Action:

In its ongoing commitment to provide high quality education for its students, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) proposes a new minor in 'law and society' to meet growing student demand for interdisciplinary law and social science courses. It will help students to obtain practical skills in the law from a behavioral and social science perspective and provide opportunities for students to pursue careers in government, nonprofits, business, law and academia.

==================================================================APPROVAL

SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair
   Katherine Pedro Beardsley 4/19/13

2. Department Chair
   Katherine Pedro Beardsley 4/19/13

3. College/School PCC Chair
   Martha E. Geores 4/19/13

4. Dean
   Loretta N. Mycholski 4/19/13

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

6. Chair Senate PGC

7. University Senate Chair (if required)

8. Senior Vice President & Provost
I. Mission and Purpose

In response to student body interest and demand for courses in law and law related fields of study, as well as to the opportunity to leverage the University of Maryland’s proximity to Washington D.C., the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) proposes a new minor in Law and Society, in collaboration with the College of Arts & Humanities and the University of Maryland-Baltimore Carey School of Law. The minor would respond to the needs of an underserved population of students who are interested in law and government and have designs on law school, and/or careers that deal with law, higher education, government institutions, and individual rights. The minor would be open to majors from all colleges and respond to the needs of underserved populations. The minor would provide students with an intellectual framework for further study as well as concrete skills that would better position them for careers with the federal government, state government, international organizations, nonprofit organizations, think tanks and advocacy organizations.

The Law and Society minor would draw inspiration from the University’s proximity to the nation’s capital and the real world internship, research, and field experiences such proximity would provide. It would also draw from the University’s world-class faculty in law-related fields.

Very few public universities can provide opportunities for students to visit and work in Congress, federal and administrative courts, or offices of the United Nations; the Department of Justice; the American Bar Association, RFK Memorial Center for Human Rights, the World Bank; and the U.S. National Central Bureau of Interpol. Students taking a Law and Society minor would have opportunities to interact with leaders in the legal field; attend law related events and activities in the greater Washington D.C., and have opportunities to visit the Supreme Court, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals; and administrative law courts in the nation’s capital.

Even fewer public universities can boast collaborating with a top shelf law school that will provide faculty, classes and other resources to the minor. The University of Maryland-Baltimore Carey School of Law will teach two courses in the minor. Further, undergraduates will have the opportunity to work with the law school faculty and law students as well as make use of ongoing activities and resources that will take place at the law school. As a result, the University of Maryland would be the only public university in the vicinity to combine rigorous academics, experiential learning and the sort of collaborative and interdisciplinary practices that has been the benchmark of internationally renowned law and society programs across the country.

The MPower Initiative is providing funding for the Law and Society Minor.

II. Objectives for the Minor as a Coherent Field of Study

The University of Maryland is committed to developing programming in law and society for students of all majors, departments and disciplines. The big question for students will be to understand law in the books as well as on the streets. This is what makes Law and Society
such a unique intellectual movement. It combines rigorous classroom teaching and learning with experiential learning and the tools for analyzing how law operates in our everyday lives. A law and society minor would:

- Provide interdisciplinary training in law and society
- Provide students with an opportunity to expand analytic and research skills
- Provide skills for possible careers in Washington D.C.
- Private opportunities for students to meet national leaders and visit and work in governmental and nongovernmental institutions and organizations

The Law and Society minor would initially consist of tracks in the following: Constitutionalism & International Law; Immigrants, Race & Ethnicity; Crime & Punishment. Depending upon interest across campus and available resources, the minor could grow to accommodate more additional tracks in the future.

III. Catalog Description for the Minor

The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, in collaboration with the College of Arts & Humanities and the UMB Carey School of Law, offers a new undergraduate minor for those students interested in expanding their analytic and research skills in preparation for careers in the public and private sectors. The minor in Law and Society consists of an integrated, interdisciplinary package of courses in research and analytic methods in applied social science and the humanities, which is designed to complement a student’s major. The Law and Society minor will also consist of several tracks.

Requirements of the program include completion of 18 hours between specified courses and selected field experiences. Students must take courses in Law and Society (or equivalent), an experiential component and accompanying colloquium, and a capstone experience for a total of 12 credits. Students will then have an opportunity to pursue a track in which they will choose 2 courses for a total of 6 credits from one of the following areas: Constitutionalism & International Law; Immigrants, Race & Ethnicity; Crime & Punishment. The minor would consist of a total of 18 credits.

III. Admission to the Minor

Students may apply to enter the minor in the fall semester as long as they are on track to complete a minimum of 30 credits, of which 15 credits should be at the University of Maryland. A cohort of 75 students will be admitted to the program at the start of the academic year. The size of the cohort is currently limited by the number of sections that can be offered for the required MLAW courses. Funding for these courses is currently provided by the MPower initiative. Should additional funding become available in the future, either through MPower or through external fundraising, we anticipate that there will be enough demand that the size of the minor could increase.

Applications from students across the campus are encouraged, regardless of academic major or college. Admission to the minor will be competitive, based on a comprehensive review of application materials including the academic transcript, essay(s) that describe professional interests related to the minor, evidence of intellectual curiosity and motivation, letter of
recommendation, and potentially an interview. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 is required. The selection process will be based on a goal to create a cohort of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and academic majors.

Prerequisites (must be completed with a minimum grade of C-):
- GVPT 100 or PHIL 170 or HIST 208 or SOCY 201 or CCJS 200 (or a comparable research/methods course in another department as approved by the Director)
- GVPT 170 or PHIL 140 or HIST131 or CCJS 100 or SOCY 100 (or comparable intro course to student’s major discipline as approved by the Director)

V. Minor Requirements
- All courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better.
- Students must maintain an average of 2.0 for credits applied to the minor.
- No more than six credits are to be included in the Minor and the student’s major.

A. Required Coursework

1. MLAW 304 Introduction to Law and Social Inquiry (three credits): This course will introduce students to legal reasoning, as well as to the history, institutions and procedures of law. This course would be open to all students on the campus, and will likely be submitted as an I-series SHH Distributive Studies Course.

2. Experiential Component (6 credits), selection based on track: This segment includes an internship or legal research for three credits (MLAW 388I) and a required three-credit colloquium about the legal profession (MLAW 401) during the internship semester.

3. MLAW 404 Law and Society Capstone (three credits): The First Amendment from Law and Society perspective (an example). This course will examine the First Amendment from the perspective of an overview, concentration on one current, and related topic. This topic will then be the focus of a final research project. Topics or themes may change.

4. Tracks (choose one concentration and 2 courses (6 credits): (upper level, exception by permission of Director).
   - Constitutionalism & International Law
   - Immigrants, Race & Ethnicity
   - Crime & Punishment
   - Student proposed concentration approved by the Director (i.e., Environmental Law; Business Law; Intellectual Property.

Courses taught by the law school faculty will be referred to under the MLAW 408 heading in any of the three tracks

VI. A Complete List of Courses and Other Requirements. (See Requirements for Academic Awards.)
As part of the minor, students will be able to focus in one of several concentrations: Constitutionalism & International Law; Immigration, Race & Ethnicity; Crime and Punishment, as well as an option for a student-proposed track. The UMB Carey School of Law will provide one course in each Track. Once the minor is established, it is easy to imagine creating additional concentrations in such fields as public law, criminal justice, social justice, business law, health law and others. We also imagine adding courses that would allow Honors or College Park scholar students to take courses at the UMB Carey School of Law. Internship opportunities with the law school could also be arranged.

Students will take 6 credits (2 courses) in their track that are offered in wide variety of departments and programs, including: American Studies, History, Anthropology, African American Studies, Environmental Science and Policy, Government and Politics, Criminal Justice, Sociology, English, Spanish and Portuguese, and Philosophy. Upper level courses may also be taken through UMB School of Law, within PUAF, or at any of the UMD-DC consortium schools, subject to Director’s approval. Students taking upper level courses will be required to take prerequisites as required. We also anticipate the participation of additional departments within the College of Arts and Humanities, and School of Public Health.

Students will propose two courses to the Director for approval that meet this requirement based on their specific academic interests and goals. The director will approve the courses for each student and ensure that the courses meet the requirements and rigor for the track.

A. Track in Constitutionalism & International Law: Choose two Courses

The concentration in Constitutionalism & International Law in society would focus on relevant and important constitutional, human and civil rights topics in a domestic and international context. It would focus on civil and criminal law institutions, legal processes and contexts in the constitutionalism & rights fields of law. It would introduce students to international frameworks for rights. In terms of specific topics it would introduce students to international tribunals, human rights, discrimination in education, employment and government contracts, disability law, the death penalty, gay marriage, the Dream Act, and more. Students would also gain a critical appreciation for such concepts as social justice, equality, fairness and power. Finally, students would gain writing and presentation skills as a practitioner in law without necessarily being on track to become a lawyer.

Example of courses appropriate for this track include:
- AAST/SOCY 424 Sociology of Race Relations;
- AAST498 Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies, AfroAsian Migrations, Diasporas, and Crossing;
- AMST 328 Perspectives of Identity and Culture (for example) Film and Literature in the Civil Rights Movement;
- AMST 298 (a special topics course in American Studies) (for example) Shifting Sands: Constructing Cultural Mainstreams and Margins;
- AMST 328 Perspectives on Identity and Culture (for example) Migration and Sexuality,
- AMST 498 Special Topics in American Studies: (for example) Topics in US Latina/o Studies;
B. Track in Migration, Race & Ethnicity: Choose two courses

The concentration in immigration, race & ethnicity would introduce students to immigration and immigrants as they deal with social and legal institutions. It would focus on the lives and experiences of immigrants from different regions around the world and different ethnic and racial groups. It would also provide students with skills for understanding political, social and cultural aspects of law in the context where race and ethnicity intersect.

Example of courses appropriate for this track include:

- HIST 208 Migration and Making of U.S. Society
- HIST 222 Immigration and Ethnicity in America
- AAST 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies
- AAST 201 Asian American History
- AMST 212 Diversity in American Culture
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- **AASP 202**  Black Culture in the United States  
- **AASP 298**  Introduction to African American Literature  
- **AASP 298M**  Seminar on Current Issues, The Media and the Black Community  
- **AAST 298N**  Filipino American Studies  
- **GVPT 272**  The Politics of Race Relations in the United States  
- **ITAL 271**  The Italian-American Experience  
- **CMLT T277**  Literatures of the Americas  
- **CMLT T285**  American Indians in Literature and Film  
- **ENGL 289B**  The Rites of Discovery  
- **ENGL 289X**  Breaking News: Contemporary Literature, Media and the State  
- **SPAN 234/5**  Issues in Latin American Studies  
- **CMLT 235**  Introduction to the Literatures of the African Diaspora  
- **AMST 328**  Perspectives on Identity and Culture in Latina Lives: Migration and Sexuality  
- **AASP 310H**  African Slave Trade  
- **AASP 312**  Social and Cultural Effect of Colonization and racism  
- **AASP 313**  Black Women in U.S. History  
- **AASP 314**  The Civil Rights Movement  
- **AASP 398**  Selected Topics in the African Diaspora  
- **AMST 498**  Special Topics in US Latina/o Studies  
- **AMST 498N**  Special Topics in American Studies: Citizens, Refugees and Immigrants  
- **AMST 498O**  The Diversifying US: Globalization, Immigrants, Migrants, and Immigrants  
- **SLLC 305**  Languages, Identity and Diversity in the U.S.  
- **ANTH 448A**  Archeology of Diaspora  
- **ANTH 498**  Ethnology of the Immigrant Life  
- **SOCY 410**  Social Demography  
- **AAST/SOCY 424**  Sociology of Race Relations  
- **ENGL 368**  Special Topics in the Literature of Africa and the African Diaspora  
- **AAST498L**  Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies: Immigration and Ethnicity  
- **AMST 498**  Special Topics in US Latina/o Studies  
- **GVPT 479I**  Seminar Public Policy: Immigration Politics and Policy  
- **GVPT 402**  International Law  
- **HIST 408V**  Senior Seminar: Immigration and Ethnicity in the U.S.  
- **HIST 466**  Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States  
- **AASP 402**  Classic Reading in African American Studies  
- **AASP 411**  Black Resistance Movements  
- **SPAN 408K**  Great Themes in Hispanic Literature: Central American Diaspora  
- **USLT 498I**  Special Topics in American Studies: Citizens, Refugees, and Immigrants  
- **USLT498Z**  US Latina/o Studies: Special Topics, Advanced Study of Queer Latina/o Cultures: Migration and Sexuality
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- ENGL 358B Special Topics in U.S. Latina/o Literature: Border Studies, Literatures, and Methodologies
- ENGL 362 Caribbean Literature in English
- ENGL 448B Literature by Women of Color: Women Writers of the African Diaspora

Possible Internship/Research Sites (Responsibilities could include conducting legal research, preparing briefs, drafting memos, developing policy statements):
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Women’s Refugee Commission
- Immigrant Policy Council
- Center for Immigrant Studies
- UMB Immigration clinic

C. Track in Crime and Punishment: Choose two courses

The concentration in crime and punishment would integrate a rigorous academic approach to various aspects of crime and criminal law. It would introduce students to criminal law institutions, process and real world cases. The crime and punishment concentration would help prepare students for careers in the law, government, business, and the non-profit world.

Example of courses appropriate for this track include:
- HIST 134 Famous Trials
- HIST 289L Comparative History of Crime and Punishment
- COMM 107 Oral Communication: Principles and Practices
- PSYC 289E The Psychology of Evil
- CCJS 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CCJS 105 Introduction to Criminology
- CCJS 230 Criminal Law in Action
- CCJS 234 Law of Criminal Investigation
- CCJS 352 Drugs and Crime
- CCJS 360 Victimization
- CCJS 370 Race, Crime and Criminal Justice
- CCJS400 Criminal Courts
- CCJS 432 Law of Corrections
- CCJS 453 White Collar and organized Crime
- COMM 425 Negotiation and Conflict Management
- COMM 426 Conflict Management
- CCJS 331 Contemporary Legal Policy Issues
- CCJS 498 Selected Topic in Criminology and Criminal Justice: Overview of Federal Enforcement Agencies
- CCJS 461 Psychology of Criminal Behavior
- COMM 426 Conflict Management
- COMM 626 Conflict Management
- ANTH 354 Peace-building, Post-Conflict, Reconstruction and International Development
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- GVPT 354 Peace-building, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, and International Development
- GVPT 355 Capstone I: International Development and Conflict Management (3)
- WMST 498A Community, Intervention, Domestic Violence

Possible Internship/Research Sites (Responsibilities could include: conducting legal research, preparing briefs, drafting memos, developing policy statements):
- Criminal courts
- FBI
- DHS
- ABA section of Dispute Resolution
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
- UMB law school Access to Justice Clinic
- UMB law school Criminal Defense Clinic
- UMB law school Appellate and Post-conviction Advocacy Clinic

VII. Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the law and society minor, the big question students will be able to answer has to do with the gap between law in the books and law on the streets. Why is it that what we read about law is not the same as the law we experience. With this knowledge students will be able to:
- Demonstrate proficiency in basic law and society concepts
- Demonstrate proficiency in the legal process (how law making and interpretation pertain to regulatory and administrative issues)
- Demonstrate oral and written skills related to legal argumentation
- Demonstrate critical thinking and research skills
- Critically analyze the role of law in terms of its historical, political, economic and social context
- Demonstrate proficiency in demonstrating the gap between law in the books and law on the streets
- Demonstrate proficiency in one field (track)
- Map the legal and political environment (institutions and decision making actors) in Washington D.C.

The learning outcomes will be assessed as follows. Each summer, Law and Society Graduate Assistants under supervision of the Assistant Director will assess final papers from the Law and Society Minor capstone course. Each annual review will focus on two or three learning objectives. A review of all the outcomes will be completed every three years. A report will be generated for each year’s assessment.
VIII. Organizational Structure
   A. Administrative Structure
      • Director
      • Assistant Director
      • Graduate Assistant(s) (2 TAs)
      • Faculty instructors

   B. Program Faculty (anticipated):
      • Robert Koulish, Ph.D. Director, Undergraduate Studies, Department of Government
        and Politics and Visiting Associate Professor
      • Karol Soltan, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Government and Politics
      • Michael P. Van Alstine, JD, Dr. Jur., Professor at Law, Carey School of Law
      • Holly Brewer, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History
      • Michael Ross, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History
      • Ira Berlin, Ph.D., Professor of History
      • Michael Spivey, JD, Lecturer, Department of Government and Politics
      • Patrick Wohlfarth, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Government and Politics

   B. Faculty Advisory Committee
      A faculty advisory committee will include 6 voting members with two representatives each from
      BSOS, ARHU, and the UMB Carey School of Law. The committee will be convened and chaired
      by the BSOS Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs, who will be an ex-officio member, and
      will include a balanced mix of faculty teaching in the minor and those who are not.

IX. Student Audience
The Law and Society minor would serve students who have an interest in a career in public
service, law or business. It would serve students who plan to attend law school as well as
students who plan to continue their studies in graduate school programs related to the field of
law.

   Anticipated # of students at steady state:
   75 per cohort for a steady state of 150

X. Impact on Resources, Related programs, and other relevant contexts
In August 2013, the M-Power Steering Committee authorized funds for the Law and Society
Minor, which will cover salaries and operating expenses. Mid-year reports and year-end reports
will be generated and submitted to the M-Power Steering Committee. Assuming satisfactory
progress, the M-Power authorization is expected to continue into the future.

The M-Power authorization is tied to the successful collaboration between the University of
Maryland at College Park and the University of Maryland-Baltimore Carey School of Law. The
Carey School of Law is committed to assigning faculty members to teach two courses in the
Minor. As the program develops, we expect this relationship to deepen with additional
programs and activities. Teresa LaMaster, Associate Dean for Planning and External Affairs has
been coordinating the Carey’s School’s participation, along with Professor Michael van Alstine,
who will be one of the law faculty teaching law and society classes at UMCP. With the
introduction of the UMB-UMCP shuttle, we expect students to begin participating in law related activities at both campuses.

The M-Power funds will provide salary support for the Director, Assistant Director, and Graduate Assistants. The Program will have a full-time Director who will instruct a minimum of three courses for the minor; will work with the faculty board of the minor; will serve as the liaison to the Carey School of Law and the various UM academic units involved in the minor; will be a liaison with the pre-law advisor; will be responsible for developing new concentrations with the Carey School of Law and other interested academic units on the UM campus; and will identify internship opportunities for students taking the minor. An Assistant Director will be responsible for the retention and advising of students in the minor; will maintain accurate academic records of the students in the minor; and will coordinate the application process of the minor. Two Graduate Teaching Assistants will be responsible for teaching the discussion sections of the required minor courses; will assist in the grading of the assignments of the required courses; and will assist in the recruitment of students in the minor.

In terms of this program’s impact on existing programs, we believe it would supplement those programs or majors that overlap with the specialty fields that will be chosen at a later date. We would work closely with related fields to avoid conflict or competition. In our opinion, this minor would enhance the coursework and concentrations of study for students who have majors in BSOS.

It is anticipated that the first cohort of students will begin in Fall 2014.

XI. Reliance on Library resources

The program will make use of existing library resources and would work with Judy Markowitz to provide students with ample training on existing law related databases.

Lexus Nexus, a primary source of legal research for case law statutes and law reviews, is already available online for all University of Maryland students and faculty. Other primary and secondary materials should provide ample research and teaching resources. Law School faculty who are teaching in the Law and Society Program understand that undergraduate students do not currently have access to the Thurgood Marshall Library at the Carey School of Law or their online resources.

X. Conclusion

The Law and Society minor would provide the campus with the coordination it seeks to attract and recruit undergraduate exceptional students who have an interest in law in its many guises. It would leverage the unique combination of resources at UMD’s disposal in terms of its faculty at College Park and proximity to Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington D.C. Interested students can, but need not be interested in pursuing a law degree. All they need is the intellectual curiosity to learn how law functions in everyday life.

The program may in the future consider offering courses online, which would provide asynchronous learning opportunities for individual students whose schedules might foreclose the possibility of attending classes scheduled during the day. Finally, off-campus offerings
around or in the nation’s capital could provide a useful UMCP satellite presence for potential students.

Several opportunities exist for additional fields. Perhaps a useful organizing theme would be to connect law and society concentrations around existing centers housed in BSOS, ARHU and other colleges on campus. The centers could provide internship and applied research opportunities for students in the concentrations.

In sum, the Law and Society Minor would provide the University of Maryland with an opportunity to continue to broaden its appeal and ability to attract and recruit high achieving undergraduate students who have an interest pursuing legal studies in its many guises.
On behalf of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, I am writing to indicate the College's strong resolve to administer the Law and Society Minor. The College is pleased that the MPower Budget and Programmatic Committees have recommended funding for this minor. Start-up monies have already been received. The Law and Society Program Director, Dr. Robert Koulish, will direct the minor and in January 2014, an assistant director will be hired to help with the advising and the day-to-day administrative aspects of the minor.

Most obviously, the College is supporting this program by providing office space. However, additional assistance in the launch of this minor has included college-level support from the Associate Dean, the Assistant Dean, BSOS Academic Advising, the BSOS Finance Office, and the BSOS Marketing and Communications Office. Undergraduate directors and advisors from various BSOS departments have also contributed.

The College is making a commitment that should this program be defunded by MPower, we would endeavor to find resources to maintain it. If the College’s financial situation were unable to sustain the administrative funding for the minor, we would then search for campus partners. At no time would we continue to offer a minor that would not meet minimum criteria of course offerings and have sufficient academic and administrative support. If, for some reason this minor could not continue, the College would make sure that the current students would be able to complete the necessary courses to earn a minor notation on their transcript.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

pc: Katherine Beardsley, Associate Dean
November 6, 2012

Dr. Katherine Beardsley  
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs  
Behavioral and Social Science  
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College Park, MD 20742

Dear Kathy:

Thank you so much for your efforts on behalf of the proposed minor in Law and Society. As you know, a significant percentage of Government and Politics majors are interested in the law and legal careers, and this new program would provide them with an excellent opportunity to extend and enhance their educations in this area. We look forward to participating in this program and working with our colleagues in other departments on campus and at the University of Maryland School of Law to provide this exceptional educational program.

If I can be of any service during this minor program’s approval process, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Again, thanks so much for your work on this program.

Sincerely,

Irwin Morris  
Professor and Chair

cc: Karen Kaufmann, Undergraduate Director, GVPT  
Robert Koulish, Interim Undergraduate Director, GVPT
To Whom It May Concern:

As Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Anthropology, I am writing on behalf of the department stating our enthusiastic support for the new minor “Law and Society.” It is recognized and agreed that students of this minor will be allowed to take our 400-level courses in social and cultural anthropology – these include Anth 468; Anth 449A; and Anth 498. We support this minor and believe the inclusion of anthropology in the curriculum will make it a relevant and strong academic program. We look forward to having these students in our classrooms.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Brighton
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Director of Undergraduate Studies
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September 5, 2013
College Park

Robert Koulish, PhD
Director and Visiting Associate Professor
Undergraduate Studies
Department of Government and Politics

Dear Dr. Robert Koulish:

It is with enthusiasm that I write this letter to support and endorse your promising Law and Society Minor Proposal. I have read the Proposal and we, at the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, applaud your interdisciplinary effort and give our full support.

With a Hispanic or Latina(o) population of more than fifty million, the United States has within its borders the third largest community of Latin American origin, just behind Brazil and Mexico. Your proposed minor respond creatively to today's realities concerning the role of Spanish — a-de-facto-second language in the United States — and the political relevance of the Latino(a)/Hispanic communities in the US, specially in our area. Our 235-408 courses offer an array of social and cultural topics in Latin America, US Latina(o) and Spain in consonance with your Proposal’s Mission and Purpose.

With this letter of support, we would like also to invite you and your colleagues to design and develop curricular programs and future collaborations with our Department in mind. Our Department would like to become a stakeholder in initiatives such as this one. The same goes when constructing an institutional profile from which a big department such as ours can engage with its peers across campus and beyond our campus walls.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,

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TO:    Professor Robert: Koulish
       Research Associate Professor
       Director of Law and Society Program

FR:    Linda L. Moghadam
       Director, Sociology Undergraduate Program

This is to confirm that students participating in the Law Society Minor Program, on a space available basis and with the appropriate pre-requisites, have permission to enroll in the following courses in our department:

SOCY410: Social Demography
SOCY424  Sociology of Race Relations
September 20, 2013

Professor Robert Koulish
Director, Law and Society Program
0101 Taliaferro Hall
Campus

Dear Professor Koulish:

The English department will be pleased to support the Law and Society Minor, provided the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences have reached a cooperative agreement on the administration of this program.

Once such an agreement is finalized, students in the program will be welcome to take classes in the English department (including Comparative Literature classes), which will help satisfy the minor’s requirement that they complete a specialization area or track.

The English Department will support the inclusion of the following courses in the proposed Law and Society Minor:

CMLT 235 Introduction to the Literatures of the African Diaspora
CMLT 277 Literatures of the Americas
CMLT 285 American Indians in Literature and Film

ENGL 289B The Rites of Discovery
ENGL 289X Breaking News: Contemporary Literature, Media and the State

ENGL 358B Special Topics in U.S. Latina/o Literature: Border Studies, Literatures, and Methodologies
ENGL 362 Caribbean Literature in English
ENGL 368 Special Topics in the Literature of Africa and the African Diaspora

ENGL 448B Literature by Women of Color: Women Writers of the African Diaspora

Yours sincerely,

William A. Cohen
Professor and Chair
Dear Wayne:

I write to thank you for putting together a proposal for a minor in Law and Society. I have spoken to Robert Koulish about the program and also discussed it with our director of undergraduate studies. The curriculum presented will complement our undergraduate curriculum and will provide an option for student interested in the law but not exclusively criminal justice. The program also provides opportunities for research collaborations among faculty in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Law and Society Program. We are eager to play a part in this minor and will actively lend our support to the program. Please keep us informed of the progress of this proposal.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James P. Lynch
Chair, CCJS
September 10, 2013

Dr. Robert Koulish
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College Park, MD 20742

Dear Dr. Koulish,

The Economics Department is glad to support development of a minor in Law and Society. As we have discussed, ECON456, Law and Economics, and ECON461, Economics of Regulation and Antitrust, are two courses that students would find to be useful electives for the minor you have developed as well as the economics major. Any student who meets the pre-requisites for these courses would be welcome to enroll.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Regards,

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September 20, 2012

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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30 August 2013

Professor Robert E Koulish
Director of Law & Society Program
University of Maryland

Dear Robert,

We are delighted to support your new minor and to grant permission to students in the program to take the two courses you mentioned:

PHIL 347 Philosophy of Law

PHIL 446 Law, Morality and War

Students would need to satisfy prerequisites (or if they don’t, to obtain permission of the instructor).

I want to mention that the second course (446) is unlikely to be given very often. I am the principal instructor for the class and am unlikely to offer it in the next four years of my term as chair. We might be able to have someone else offer it.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher W. Morris
Professor of Philosophy &
Chair of Department
Dear Dean McIntosh,

Thank you for circulating this proposal for a minor in law and society. We would be happy to support this effort and to play a part in the minor. We are aware that we provide courses that will benefit students in this program and are open to providing opportunities for students to register for courses that fulfill the L and S minor requirements. Our current courses are here.
http://www.aast.umd.edu/undergraduate/course-catalog/

We offer the following courses regularly:

AAST 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies
AAST 201 Asian American History
AAST 298N Filipino American Studies
AAST398D Selected Topics in Asian American Studies; Filipino American History and Biography
AAST 424 Sociology of Race Relations
AAST222 Immigration and Ethnicity in America

Very best, Janelle

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From: "Nancy L. Struna" <nlstruna@umd.edu>  
Subject: RE: request for support for new law and society minor  
Date: April 20, 2013 11:45:34 AM EDT  
To: "Robert E. Koulish" <rkoulish@umd.edu>  
Cc: "Nancy L. Struna" <nlstruna@umd.edu>  

Dear Robert,

I'm happy to support the new minor. In subsequent semesters, we will likely have other courses appropriate for students than those you have identified in the proposal and would welcome law and society students.

Nancy Struna

From: Robert E. Koulish  
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 4:26 PM  
To: Nancy L. Struna  
Subject: request for support for new law and society minor

Dear Nancy,
Hello. My name is Robert Koulish. I am Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Government and Politics Department. I have been working with Kathy Beardsley in BSOS to design an interdisciplinary law and society minor, which we are quite proud of. I am attaching it along with a request for American Studies to support the minor. As you will see the minor includes American Studies courses. We have been working with Sheri Parks throughout the process. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions. I would look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Robert

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