

**Resolution 2015-16.F**

**Resolution to Approve New Major, International Relations, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies**

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: January 25, 2016

Second Reading: February 8, 2016

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to declare Major: Spring 2016

First Effective Date to Graduate: Spring 2018

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Political Science have international reputations, active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the area of international and comparative politics; and

**WHEREAS**, students in the International Relations major will be prepared for pursuing advanced degrees and a wide-range of careers in both the private and public sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, World Politics and Policy (WPP) has been an option in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies for many years, and the Major in International Relations incorporates courses and focus of the WPP option; and

**WHEREAS**, the title International Relations is recognizable and understandable to high school and college students seeking a program related to international affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Major in International Relations will provide better visibility for the program and will provide support to the enrollment management of incoming freshmen and transfer students into the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, International Studies includes several disparate fields of inquiry leading to disparate career opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Major in International Relations will be more readily promoted to potential employers and make it easier for students to market themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the name “International Relations” more clearly and accurately describes the principal focus of the proposed major than does the name “World Politics & Policy” of the current option.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Major in International Relations be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies effective Spring 2016 and the proposal forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.