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**Re: proposal to convert the pre-law track into a free-standing minor**

Dear UWUCC,

Attached is a copy of a curriculum proposal that would convert the current pre-law track that exists within several departments into a free-standing minor. Because so many signatures were required (18), I concurrently submitted copies of the proposal to the various departments/colleges involved, and have packaged eight separate signature pages along with the proposal and a blank copy of the proposal cover sheet.

During the process of collecting signatures, a question arose over whether the rule that requires that new minors in areas without a major require approval at the system level. I've also included an email written by Dean Camps and endorsed by Provost Samuels that states that the new pre-law minor should proceed under the assumption that we already have pre-law majors (see the attached email on page 14 for a more detailed explanation).

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Please feel free to contact me for additional information or clarification. Thanks!

Sincerely,



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## Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

### 1a. Complete new catalog description for minor:

#### **Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Minor**

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Seven courses, including at least one from each of the seven areas:

**(no courses with student's major prefix):**

*Business:* ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235

*Criminology:* CRIM 210, 215, 225

*Economics:* ECON 121, 122, 332

*English:* ENGL 212, 220, 310

*History:* HIST 320, 321, 346

*Philosophy:* PHIL 101, 222, 450

*Political Science:* PLSC 358, 359, 361

**Rationale:** The current Pre-Law Tracks in Criminology, Economics, English, History, Philosophy, and Political Science will remain. The Pre-Law Interdisciplinary minor is being introduced so that students in the Eberly College of Business may again take pre-law courses. The Pre-Law Business Tracks could not be reconfigured to keep it under 120 credits and has been inactive. By creating a separate Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Minor it will open up opportunities for students in other majors besides the above seven disciplines to take a pre-law minor in combination with any major in the university.

### 1b. Catalog Description to be listed under the College of Humanities and Social Sciences:

#### **Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Minor**

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### **Catalog Description to be listed under the Eberly College of Business:**

#### **Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Minor**

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### **Catalog Description to be listed under the College of Health and Human Services:**

#### **Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Minor**

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### **Part III. Implementation:**

- 1. Are faculty resources adequate?** Yes because this change simply represents an additional option for pre-law besides the current tracks.
- 2. Are other resources adequate?** Yes for the same reason as above.
- 3. Do you expect an increase or decrease in the number of students?** The number of students should remain approximately the same. Although there might be a slight increase because the option of a Pre-Law minor will be open to additional majors.
- 4. Intended implementation date:** Spring 2007

### **Part IV. Periodic Assessment**

- 1. Evaluation Plan.** The Pre-Law Minor will be evaluated as part of each of the seven disciplines review process. Student input will be solicited.
- 2. Frequency:** Every 5 years.
- 3. Evaluating entity.** The criteria will be those established by the State System of Higher Education.

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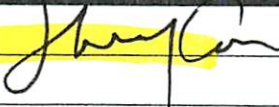
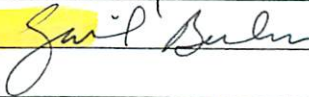
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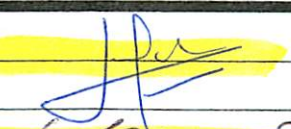
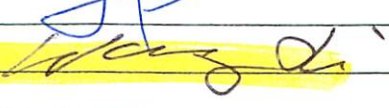


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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2006 6:41 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Minor in Pre Law

I would agree that pre-professional course work such as in pre-medicine and pre-law are not traditional discipline minors and should not have to go to the BOG but notification to Vice Chancellor would no doubt be necessary. Nick, is there any history here that would be helpful?

— Original Message —

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2006 10:41 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed Minor in Pre Law

As I think you know, a collection of departments on campus, including one from the College of Business, one from the College of Health & Human Services, and several from the College of Humanities & Social Sciences have put forward a proposal for a pre-law minor. During this process someone brought up the fact that there's a rule stating that new minors in areas without a major must be approved at the system level. I am certainly aware of the rule but I do not believe it is applicable in this situation. Historically, a dozen different departments on campus have offered the pre-law track as part of a major program. In fact, all six departments in the Eberly College offered a major with a pre-law track until the chancellor implemented the 120 credit hour rule. That rule forced the departments in the Eberly College to cancel each of the pre-law tracks that had been offered for many years. At the present time there are six departments that still offer degrees with a pre-law track. The track connected to a particular discipline is nothing more than a specialized pre-law major. If you get a BA in Criminology, pre-law, it's still a pre-law major. It's just a specialized pre-law major and that's true in every department that offers the track. Given the foregoing, I believe that we should process the new pre-law minor proposal under the assumption that we already have pre-law majors. Surely it should not be necessary to do more than submit this to the vice chancellor for academic and student affairs as an information item. The pre-law minor, when approved, will be a blessing because now any student on campus will be able to combine a pre-law minor with their chosen major. Under the track program, the only people who could even take pre-law were those who adopted a major which contained a pre-law track. You might argue, of course, that the BA in Criminology with a pre-law track is nothing more than a Criminology major with a minor in pre-law. That may be accurate in some sense, but no one could get at these pre-law tracks unless they took the major, which included the pre-law track. Students in Sports Management, Biology, and dozens of other majors will now be able to combine those fields with pre-law coursework.

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting this proposed minor.

Bob Camp