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**Subject:** Re: Input on Health and Disability Concentration

Steve,

The faculty involved with the Disabilities Studies (DIST) minor are in support of allowing students who take the new concentration to also take the DIST minor, with the restriction that no more than six credits can be counted toward the concentration and the minor. This is "version 2" in Iva's March 27, 2015 email.

We think this approach is better than prohibiting students from taking a minor in which they have the opportunity to expand their knowledge about disability beyond the disciplinary boundaries of their particular major or concentration. DIST is an interdisciplinary minor that currently serves more than 400 students from a wide range of majors in the colleges of Education and Human Development (41%), Arts and Sciences (35%), and Health Sciences (22%) – and even a few from Agriculture & Natural Resources, Business, and Engineering. The variety of academic, professional, and personal interests represented by students in the minor speaks to its purpose, which is to support students' learning about the policies, services and systems that support the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life. The minor's breadth across its core courses and topical electives is what makes it complementary to the proposed concentration rather than duplicative.

Thank you for seeking our further input. Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Laura

On 4/8/2015 11:57 AM, Hastings, Steven E wrote:

Laura – UGS must decide on this proposal on Monday. Do you or your colleagues have any further input?

Steve

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