**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Western Kentucky University**

**745-2345**

**REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Date: March 26, 2015

The Potter College of Arts & Letters submits the following items for consideration:

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| **Type of Item** | **Description of Item & Contact Information** |
| Consent | **Proposal to Revise Course Catalog Listing**  RELS 200 World Religious Literature  Contact: Eric Bain-Selbo, [eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu](mailto:eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu), 5-5744 |

Proposal Date: January 5, 2015

**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Department of Philosophy and Religion**

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**(Consent Item)**

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1. **Identification of course:**
   1. Course prefix (subject area) and number: RELS 200
   2. Course title: World Religious Literature
2. **Current course catalog listing:** Introductory study of multiple genres of foundational religious texts from various regions and cultures.
3. **Proposed course catalog listing:** Introductory study of multiple genres of religious literature or literature with strong religious themes. Texts come from various religions, cultures, and time periods. **(aim for 25 words or less)**
4. **Rationale for revision of the course catalog listing:** The change in the catalog listing is a result of many months of conversation with the faculty and the Department Head in English. That conversation was precipitated by the Department of Philosophy and Religion’s interest in proposing RELS 200 for the Literary Studies category in the Foundations column of the new Colonnade program (an interest that was critical to our development of the course in the first place). The change in the catalog listing reflects the fact that we want to move beyond simply the foundational religious texts to other texts that nevertheless deal significantly with religious themes. As a consequence, we will increase the amount of literature that could be used for the course, ensuring that we have plenty of options in the required genres of poetry, fiction, and drama.
5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2015
6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Religious Studies Program February 2, 2015

Department of Philosophy and Religion February 4, 2015

Potter College Curriculum Committee March 9, 2105

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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