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**Western Kentucky University**

**745-4231**

***REPORT TO THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE***

Date: September 3, 2015

University College submits the following items for consideration:

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| **Type of Action** | **Description of Item and Contact Information** |
| Consent | Proposal to Revise a Course Title  Item: ICSR 499  Contact Person: Judy Rohrer  Email: [judy.rohrer@wku.edu](mailto:judy.rohrer@wku.edu)  Phone: 745-2093 |

Proposal Date: Feb. 14, 2015

**University College**

**Diversity & Community Studies**

**Proposal to Revise Course Title**

**(Consent Item)**

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1. **Identification of proposed course:**
   1. Course prefix (subject area) and number: ICSR 499
   2. Course title: Public Work
   3. Credit Hours: 1-3 variable

**2. Proposed course title:** Social Justice Capstone

**3. Proposed abbreviated course title:** Social Justice Capstone(maximum of 30 characters/spaces)

**4. Rationale for the revision of course title:**

While students continue to engage in public work in this course, this title change more accurately reflects a broader emphasis that has always been inherent in ICSR 499. “Social Justice” is a concept encompassing theories and strategies about how to build just and inclusive societies at all levels (individual, community, institutional, governmental, national, global), and in all relations. This is the emphasis of the ICSR minor in Citizenship & Social Justice that was launched in Fall 2014 for which this course is now the capstone. The “Public Work” title has also been problematic as it is not commonly understood and has been mistaken for “public works” which are infrastructure projects like roads, reservoirs, bridges and so forth.

**5. Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2015

**6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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| Department/ Unit: Diversity & Community Studies | Feb. 23, 2015 |
| University College Curriculum Committee | March 5, 2015 |
| Undergraduate Curriculum Committee |  |
| University Senate |  |