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From: James Ermatinger, Dean CLAS  
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RE: Liberty Studies Minor and Concentration

The Liberty Studies Minor and the Liberty Studies Concentration where both contain the same course work and rationale are well thought out and will provide students with a firm grounding in the concepts of liberty. All of the courses currently exist and are taught regularly, and the department does not anticipate additional resources. Since the minor and concentration are interdisciplinary, the Department of Liberal and Integrated Studies makes for a natural home. Liberty Studies will allow for students to be focused and engaged in their studies. The creation of this minor should enhance the educational opportunities for our students. I endorse the minor and concentration.