June 14, 2022

To:     Ann Strahm, Chair, Sociology, Gerontology, and Gender Studies
        Jennifer Strangfeld, Sociology

From:   Richard Ogle, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE:     Sociology, BA - Academic Program Review

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review for Sociology.  It was a pleasure to read the self-study and engage in a thoughtful discussion about the direction for the program moving forward.

The Sociology program is large and I recognize that size comes with its own set of opportunities and challenges in terms of office space, advising, and assessment of student learning. I appreciate the program's ongoing commitment to advising and support the program faculty in their desire to revise the program based on the changing needs of students. As new hires are onboarded, this is a particularly good time to consider the future of the program. As the program is revised, I recognize the need to continue to discuss the need for additional tenure-track hires as indicated in the program's implementation plan.

I appreciate the department's use of a program committee to holistically review curriculum, and I support the idea of bringing in an external consultant to support the department's program revision process. I recognize that this process will take time and I support providing resources (i.e., release time or stipend) for a subcommittee to reimagine curriculum and establish an assessment plan that includes direct assessment of student learning. As noted in the program's implementation plan, this process would include the establishment of a capstone course and further planning for opportunities at the Stockton campus.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your Program is approved for continuance.

Sincerely,

*Richard Ogle*
Richard Ogle (Jun 15, 2022 12:21 PDT)
Richard Ogle, Ph.D.
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