Proposal Date: October 29, 2013

**University College**

**Diversity and Community Studies**

**Proposal to Revise Course Catalog Listing**

**(Consent Item)**

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1. **Identification of course:**
   1. **Course prefix (subject area) and number:** ICSR 300
   2. **Course title:** Public Problem Solving
2. **Current course catalog listing:**An applied learning experience focused on broad-based form of community organizing and development generally aimed at building capacity for democratic engagement in both rural and urban environments.
3. **Proposed course catalog listing:**Investigation of historical perspectives and theoretical dimensions of public problem solving, with attention to the development of collective power, capacities, and responsibilities.
4. **Rationale for revision of the course catalog listing:**

The proposed course description more accurately supports the focus of the course. While an applied component is still relevant, the proposed catalog listing more clearly reflects the importance of building a core understanding of relevant theory, and critical inquiry of public problem solving as it has been practiced in the U.S.,.

1. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014
2. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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| Department of Diversity & Community Studies | October 29, 2013 |
| University College Curriculum Committee | November 11, 2013 |
| Undergraduate Curriculum Committee |  |
| University Senate |  |