

Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate, Seton Hall University

From: Karen E. Boroff, Ph.D. *KEB*
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

Re: Changes to BA in Social and Behavioral Sciences
2018-FS-04

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The Office of the Provost is in receipt of the proposed changes to the BA in Social and Behavioral Sciences, which passed the Faculty Senate on March 16, 2018.

The changes reflect an attractive and well thought out redesign of the major. The focus on career paths in three distinct tracks, Allied Health; Policy, Justice and Administration; and Culture and Society, and the removal of obstacles to student success are to be commended. The removal of a required social science minor will permit students to explore a wider range of minor and/or certificate programs. This change addresses a frequently proffered suggestion that the University create a health sciences BA.

It is also noted that the change requires one new course, SOBS 1101 Integrative Human Science. This required, foundational course appears to introduce both social scientific practice and philosophy with three significant course learning outcomes. It is also remarked that this change to the major requires no additional resources.

Based on the positive departmental and educational policy committee reviews, and the endorsements of Deans Shoemaker and Foley, we approve the changes to the BA in Social and Behavioral Sciences. We congratulate all those who were involved in the process of redesign.