


Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate
Seton Hall University

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

Re: Minor in Medical Humanities
(2018-FS-05)

Date: December 7, 2018

I am in receipt of the revised proposal for Minor in Medical Humanities which was originally submitted as 2018 – FS-05.

I was pleased to see the revisions to the proposal for a Minor in Medical Humanities. This proposal, which is geared to students who are seeking careers as healthcare professional, was strengthened by the attention to learning outcomes and the proposed pathway for students to complete the minor. The capstone project is a valuable assessment tool because it will demonstrate the degree to which students have been able to integrate ideas with practice or some aspect of research. As we are attracting more students in healthcare disciplines, this minor does speak to our mission and enhances the attractiveness of the humanities curriculum for these students.

The fact that other institutions in the area are also offering certificates and minors speaks to an interest among the growing number of students. That we can offer this credential without additional courses or faculty is a plus. The award of a Lilly grant does support the relevance of the program and the value of interprofessional humanities training for our faculty.

Based on this revision and the support of the deans and faculty for this program, I approve the Minor in Medical Humanities. I request that the faculty prepare specific recruiting literature, which appeals to students, helping them decide if this minor can be an important complement to their academic portfolio.