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Library Impact Statement for PSC 441 Women and Politics

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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT

LIBRARIANS' ASSESSMENT

Course: PSC 441 – Women & Politics

Department, College: Department of Political Science in College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Members: Professors Larry Rothstein, Chair, et al.

Date returned to Faculty: 26 September 2011

Librarian Completing Assessment: m. vocino

This course for some reason was deleted from the catalog and the department has recently moved it from a 3 credit course to a 4 credit course. The department has called it "...one of our capstone seminars. ...this course was supposed to stay in the catalog...for some reason, it found its way onto list (sic) of courses to be cancelled and was officially cancelled. We wish to reinstate it."

The library has supported this offering quite well in the past and even with the increase in credits, we expect to do the same in the future. In reviewing the course proposal and the syllabus that Professor Rothstein has submitted as required, including bibliography, we or other HELIN libraries hold the vast majority of materials needed. Those we don't are in serials or monographs which can be found at other libraries through interlibrary loan.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs may arise for the instructors for this course if reinstated by CAC, but we cannot add any new journal titles except through a drop/add policy that requires the department to identify a journal title (of equal value) it would like to drop from its serials list to permit the addition of another. Our monographic holdings in "Women in politics" (the appropriate subject heading for this course when searching our online catalog) are good as is our journal collection. Our online indexes and abstracts covering "women in politics" specifically and "women" generally should more than meet the demands of this capstone course. It will be offered as a cross-listing with women's studies, another area in which the library has collected well.

All that said, we should be able to support this course bibliographically as we have done in the past.

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