TO: The Academic Senate Excom

FROM: Committee on Academic Planning & Review (CAPR)

SUBJECT: Request by Sociology to extend the suspension period for the Sociology MA program from two years to three years

ACTION REQUESTED: Acceptance of CAPR recommendations to extend the suspension period for the Sociology MA program from two years to three years

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting of 12/01/11, CAPR considered a request by the Department of Sociology to extend the suspension of their MA program from the initially requested two year period to a three year period in order to allow the department time to see if they can get a new hire approved in 2011/12 that would allow the program to be restarted rather than discontinued. The original, approved request for suspension stated that the two-year suspension was to begin in Fall 2010 which means that a report would be due to CAPR in Spring 2012 to determine if, in Fall 2012, the program would be resumed or discontinued. This request extends the suspension through to Fall 2013, which means that CAPR would expect a report on resumption or discontinuation in Spring 2013. Three years are allowed by the terms of the CSU EB Temporary Suspension Policy. CAPR discussed this request and voted unanimously to approve the extension of the suspension period by one year.