TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
SUBJECT: 15-16 CIC 16: Online/Hybrid course modification request: POSC 3441
Constitutional Law: Governance
PURPOSE: Information to the Senate.
ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate be informed that CIC has approved the modification to POSC 3441.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
At CIC’s November 16, 2015 meeting the committee discussed the course modification request from the Political Science department for their online/hybrid POSC 3441: Constitutional Law: Governance course. Normally, such modifications only need approval from the college curriculum committee, dean, and Academic Programs and Graduate Studies (APGS). However, the Academic Senate passed a moratorium on course modifications (14-15 CIC 21). The policy during the period of semester conversion mandates that all modifications additionally be approved by CIC. The Committee commended Prof. Baggins for his participation in online teaching programs and concluded that applying these techniques both in a timely manner and as a mechanism for change before the upheaval of semesters was compelling. It was also noted within the Committee that some courses are offered in new modes without appropriate approvals and the Committee thanked Political Science for going through the proper procedures.