TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Academic Planning & Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT: Changing History Major Concentrations to Options
PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to Change History Major Concentrations to Options

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the CAPR meeting of October 16, the committee members voted unanimously to approve changing the name of the history major concentrations to options.

RECOMMENDATION
That the Academic Senate approve changing the name of the history major concentrations to options.

Program submission documents can be found on the CAPR Sharepoint site within the October 16th workspace at: https://sharepoint.csueastbay.edu/sites/AcademicSenate/capr/CAPR%20Meeting/default.aspx?InstanceID=20081016

See also 08-09 CIC 4
June 19, 2008

To: Carl Bellone, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies

From: Janet Patterson, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Dean, College of Arts, Letters and Social Sciences

Re: Changing History undergraduate concentrations to options

I have reviewed the proposal to change the wording in the History section of the 2009-2010 catalogue. I concur with the recommendation of the department that the term “concentration” be changed to “option”.

Thank you for your support.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
Department of History

To: AVP Carl Bellone
From: Dee Andrews, Chair
Subject: Changing History Major Concentrations to Options
Date: 15 May 2008

The History Department is requesting a change in terminology in the History Major.

Currently, the Catalog uses the term “concentration” to refer to the different pathways that students may choose from in the major. The relevant passage is as follows:

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The Department of History offers several concentrations for degree candidates. Majors should choose one of the following concentrations: United States History, European History, Asian History, Latin American History, History of California and the American West. Students may also design a topical (e.g., women's history), geographic (e.g., Russian history), or period (e.g., ancient and medieval history) concentration of their own with the advance written approval of the department chair.

The commonly used term for such pathways is “option,” as is the case in the History M.A. Program. Options, furthermore, may appear on students’ degrees.

The History Department is requesting that the term “option” replace “concentration” wherever the latter appears under History for the 2009-2010 catalog. The options would remain the same.