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Dear UUPC Committee:

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: Center for Inclusion, Diversity Education, and Advocacy (IDEAs), I am pleased to offer the strongest support to the College of Education, Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry in their development of a new program: Minor/Certification in Diversity and Global Studies.

Florida Atlantic University is a Minority Serving and Hispanic Serving Institution with over 56% of students identifying as a member of a minority group and approximately 27% identifying as Hispanic/Latinx. As such, Florida Atlantic University is dedicated to the promotion of diversity and the development of cross-cultural competencies. This is evident in our institutional and divisional foundational documents and core values, and the newly developed Center for IDEAs.

The mission of the Center for IDEAs is to highlight the experiences of traditionally marginalized groups through intentional interactions aimed at fostering awareness and cultivating new perspectives. By offering quality programs and educational opportunities to all students, the center creates a campus climate that values differences and promotes equity.

Providing students the opportunity to pursue a minor or certificate in Diversity and Global Studies, will prepare them for the richly diverse and global society we live in and the professional environments they will, undoubtedly, be working in. We believe the minor and certificate in Diversity and Global Studies aligns with the mission of our center, as well as our institutional and divisional goals for diversity and inclusion. As such, we offer this letter of support for the development of the program. If approved, the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, through the Center for IDEAs and other departments, will assist in promoting the minor and certificate programs to our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further comment.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrea I. Guzman Oliver'.

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