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Dr. Julio Facelli, President, Academic Senate

383 S. University Street, Room 3254

Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Dear Dr. Facelli:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of a Veterans Studies Certificate here at the University of Utah. Having worked closely with veterans for the last eight years in my *Writing about War* class and spent considerable time in the Veteran Support Center talking with veterans and staff, I am convinced that the certificate would not only be of interest to veterans who are seeking to transfer and complement their existing skill sets, but also to civilians who are interested in working with veterans and understanding veteran issues.

As you will see, the certificate is transdisciplinary and thus draws from a variety of relevant fields, giving students the option to tailor their interests and coursework to meet their academic and career objectives. If the University of Utah were to offer the certificate (and perhaps one day, a major) in Veterans Studies, we would join a select few institutions to offer such a program to our students while continuing to build on our status as a veteran friendly institution and strengthen our ongoing commitment to our veterans, veterans’ issues, and those who seek to support them.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to facilitate this process. I have no doubt that the certificate will appeal to and serve our students and further distinguish our great institution.

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