Faculty divided over HASS-D proposal

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But Bennett called the move to place distribution subjects at 50 "arbitrary and in- effective," and insisted "The present system is unorganized.

Bennett noted that the move would not affect areas of study that are already designated as distribution subjects.

Rodriguez later responded that the language courses had not been seen as central to an education here.

Professor of Literature David Thewer buzzed concerns that the May 20 faculty meeting at which the vote would take place would not be long enough to allow everyone interested to speak.

Bennett suggested that the proposed reduction in electorate subjects at 50 would be detrimental to the students who were most interested in them and that the debate should be held over HASS-D proposal.

Arunabh Ghosh, a professor in the School of Humanities, argued that the reduction in distribution subjects would have a negative impact on the students who were most interested in them.

Ghosh said that he understood the argument that the distribution subjects were not as important as other subjects, but he believed that they were important for a well-rounded education.

Ghosh cited the example of his own field, history, where the distribution subjects were crucial for understanding the context of events.

He also argued that the reduction in distribution subjects would have a negative impact on the students who were most interested in them.

The vote was 11-9 in favor of reducing the distribution subjects.

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