

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2018, GBB 202 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Call to order

Members Present: C. Anderson, B. Baker, M. Beavers L. Broberg, M. Mayer, C. Nelson, M. Murphy, C. Palmer, D. Schulberg, S. Rinfret, S. Ross, R. Smith S. Stan, E. Voronina, N. White

Members Absent/Excused: M. Murphy

Ex-Officio Present: A. Kinch, S. Whittenburg

Guests: Dean Kirgis (Law) and McNulty (CHS), Ramona Grey and Peter Koehn (PSCI), Andrea Vernon (Non Profit Administration), Cameron (Kiamin)

- The minutes from 10/24/18 were approved.

Communications

- Guests were welcomed and Chair Broberg provided a summary of the proposal for the creation of the Department of Public Administration and Policy in the Baucus Institute in the Law School, a move from Political Science in the College of Humanities and Sciences. The proposal includes moving the Non-profit Administration Minor and Certificate and the creation of a Public Policy Certificate that targets working professionals.

Professor Rinfret read a statement (appended). Dean Kirgis agrees that this is an exciting opportunity for UM to do something unique and grow enrollment. Many law school students have bachelor degrees in Political Science. Dean McNulty agrees with this. CHS has supported the MPA Program through work with Political Science. The devil is in the details. She would like the program retain a connection to the Political Science Department and establish an interdisciplinary partnership.

Ramona Gray, Chair of Political Science acknowledges that this is a great opportunity and the department would like to continue collaboration. She is concerned about the undergraduate program. Historically, MPA faculty also taught undergraduate courses. This move will reduce undergraduate courses from 12 to 5. This will be reduced to 3 if the Non-profit Administration Courses also move. This will be a concern of the accreditation agency. The department would like to see some synergy between faculty for a vibrant undergraduate curriculum. Professor Koehn was hired to create the program. It is anchored in Political Science. Faculty that teach in the MPA program also teach in Political Science. This allows for great synergy. It is good for the faculty member and good for the students.

Professor Andrea Vernon is the founding Director of the Non-Profit Administration

minor and certificate that were established in 2003 through a partnership with Professor Jon Tompkins. Pairing Non-profit Administration with Public Administration is a common configuration nationally. OCHE recommended the creation of a new rubric. There are two courses pending approval in e-Curr for the new rubric (NPAD). The rubric is needed to report data. Political Sciences Students can still take the courses.

Professor Rinfret teaches a 3:3 load because the program is growing and involves online courses. Political Science faculty members teach a 2:2 load. The program will be the last to be accredited in the country. The accrediting agency requires the courses be offered at the 500 level. Courses could be co-convened. There seems to be room to negotiate in the future. The question of who teaches is not tied to where the degree lives. According to Vice President Whittenburg the TA allocations follow where the undergraduate courses are taught. Typically students in the MPA are working professionals, so are not TAs.

Thematically the program matches the mission of the Baucus Institute. It provides some financial support.

Business Items

- The following items from the Social Science Subcommittee were approved. There were 2 abstentions on the vote to approve the MPA move and associated proposals. Approval was based on the overall benefit to graduate education, students in the MPA program, availability of resources through the Baucus Institute and benefits to UM. The impact on the PSCI undergraduate programs should be mitigated through continued course availability and advising from MPA faculty. The Public Policy certificate proposal was amended to include PSCI courses and fewer PUAD rubric courses to focus the certificate. These are key provisions of approval.

Level II	Department of Public Administration and Policy	Public Admin/Law
Level I	Public Policy graduate certificate	Public Administration
Level I	Global Youth Development MA Moratorium	Counselor Ed

- The Professional Schools did not have any level I or IIs that were easily approved. It did not realize there was curriculum involved with the move of Speech, Language, and Hearing Science to the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Science. SLHS offers both an MS and PhD. Camie will follow-up with the proposer. The Geography move is on hold until the Provost signs the form.

- The curriculum items below from the Humanities Subcommittee were approved.

Level I	Modern Languages & Literatures MA (all options)	Provost Office
Program Modification	History MA	Changing Language Requirement
Program Modification	Linguistics MA	Change course requirements

History		
HSTR 500 G	History Pedagogy	Change description, title

Linguistics		
LING 572 G	Syntax	Change title

Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures		
SPNS 400 UG	Intro to Spanish Linguistics	Change description, prereqs, title

Good and Welfare

- The Grad Con conference is February 22nd. Please encourage your students to **submit** proposals.

Adjournment

Professor Sarah Rinfret Statement

The creation of an accredited Department of Public Administration & Policy within the School of Law's Baucus Institute will provide *the* cutting edge public service education in the state and Intermountain West, setting us apart from Montana State University and other regional competitors, but most importantly best serve our students, state, and advance graduate education at the University of Montana.

- This move has now been recommended by APASP, UPC, and the strategy for distinction
 - o Comments overwhelmingly supported these recommendations, which are all for the public to review on the Provost's webpage

- We have been discussing this for over a year now and this has been open to the public

A few additional points:

#1: Enhanced Opportunities for Student Success & Recruitment

The move to create our own department within the framework of a policy institute will greatly elevate and advance our ability to grow these curricular programs, be innovative and inventive with our program offerings to bolster student success [just like our colleagues in Media Arts, HHP, and Geography]. Most importantly, it allows us to fulfill our mission – to enhance the current and future careers of public and nonprofit sector professionals through applied learning experiences. For example:

- Creation of a Public Service Academy for pre-career and mid-career professionals to meet statewide demand for training
- New educational opportunities for students through the Baucus Institute's commitment to state, local, national, global, and tribal educational endeavors
 - Financial and instructional support for applied learning experiences (e.g. Big Sky Poll, Baucus Leaders, Indian Summer Program)
- Increased fundraising opportunities for student scholarships and support
- Better national visibility to recruit the best and brightest faculty to serve our students in the classroom
- Support for flexibility in course delivery (online, in person, remote robots, virtual reality technology)
 - We even have our own classroom in the law school to support this!
 - Improved delivery of curriculum (e.g., high-tech seminar rooms)

These examples embody our commitment to serve public service professionals

#2. Increased enrollment

- Because of these examples and announcements we have been able to increase enrollment significantly – approximately 20 percent this fall

#3: Support

Moving forward, the creation of a new, separate unit and relocation of programming to the School of Law provides the best opportunity to serve the students and University because it affords the resources (human and monetary) to secure accreditation, continue enrollment growth, attract future faculty, and provide long-term stability.

The MPA Program and School of Law, since 1980, have had a joint degree program, with strong interdisciplinary teaching and scholarly relationships.

This year, a vacant faculty line in the School of Law was used to move Professor Adam Brewer into a permanent, tenure-track appointment. The School of Law has provided both office and classroom space to the MPA Program, as well as administrative assistance in the form of web design and hosting and admissions support.

Closing

- This move will create a unique professional school, raising the profile of both the MPA Program and the School of Law.
- At the same time, the infusion of resources through the Baucus Institute will allow the MPA Program to grow as the Department of Public Administration and Policy.
- This will boost the enrollment and financial position of the University as a whole

In my capacity as Director of the Master of Public Administration, it is my responsibility to best serve our students. Standalone Departments of PA & Policy are not irregular and allows for our students to compete with the best and brightest nationally – they deserve this.

In fact, the top 50 ranked MPA programs are either standalone or affiliated with institutes.

It is time to seize this opportunity at UM and create a signature program like none other in the state that will raise the stature of the MPA programming, increase student enrollment, and student success.