

## Graduate Council Actions and Rationale on Provost Reorganization Proposals

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The following summarizes Graduate Council actions and the rationale underlying those actions for items included in the Provost's Reorganization Proposals. A number of proposals have not come before us as of this date or were submitted after the Faculty Senate deadline of 9/28. Therefore, those proposals have not come under review to date. We provide no comment on those proposals as the details of such reorganizations are important components of Graduate Council review.

The following points are major considerations underlying approvals in many cases because of their importance to graduate education at the University of Montana:

- a) Teaching assistantships are assumed to move with the program they are currently attached to unless they are under the authority of administration outside of the Graduate School (i.e., Deans)
- b) Resources currently allocated to the programs will be matched, exceeded or travel with the programs

*Consolidate the School of Art and the School of Media Arts to create a School of Visual and Media Arts (Level II)- yet to be approved contingent on the two general points above*

*Terminate the Musical Theater Specialization in the MM program; add an option in Musical Theater to the BFA in Theatre (Level I)- approved*

*Convert face to face Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management graduate degree into an online degree (Level I)- no proposal received to date*

*Move the School of Journalism into the College of Visual & Performing Arts, maintaining its status as a school (Level II)- no proposal received to date*

*Move the Department of Geography to the W.A. Franke College of Forestry & Conservation (NA; Senate to review per CBA 7.100)- yet to be reviewed*

*Move the Department of Health & Human Performance (HHP) from the PJW College of Education & Human Sciences to the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences (NA; Senate to review per CBA 7.100)- yet to be approved contingent on the two general points above*

*Create a new department of Public Administration and Policy comprising the Masters of Public Administration, the non-profit minor and nonprofit certificate within the Baucus Institute/Alexander Blewett III School of Law (ITP/Level II)*

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. The new Department of Public Administration and Policy will answer to the Law School Dean but remain in the collective bargaining agreement. An amendment of the CBA will be required to cover this situation. These are key provisions of approval.

*Consolidate the departments within the College of Business (Accounting & Finance, Management Information Systems, Management & Marketing) into a single department (Level II)- not yet reviewed- no proposal filed as yet*

*Terminate the following (all are Level I):*

- a) *MA in Modern Languages & Literatures- Approved- faculty support termination-very low numbers of students*
- b) *MA in Global Youth Development- Approved moratorium requested by faculty- resource reductions (loss of Peace Corps program) make continuation of the program questionable- faculty requested time to consider*

*Move the Department of Communicative Sciences & Disorders from the PJW College of Education & Human Sciences to the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences- still under review subject to the two general points above*