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Subject: FW: Curriculum
Date: Friday, May 14, 2010 1:29:27 PM
Attachments: [Dual MPA-AED Econ Proposal.docx](#)

From: Elliot Slotnick
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 11:03 AM
To: Dena Myers; Susan Reeser
Cc: Theresa Early; Brown, Trevor L; Elliot Slotnick
Subject: Curriculum

Susan,

This is now ready to be placed on the Graduate Council agenda—Apologies, Susan, for not mentioning it earlier today...

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From: Brown, Trevor [mailto:brown.2296@osu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 9:10 PM
To: Elliot Slotnick
Cc: Mario Miranda; Dena Myers; Susan Reeser
Subject: RE:

Elliot,

Thanks for the good news and the quick turnaround.

Attached you'll find the document with the changes.

Trevor

From: Elliot Slotnick [slotnick.1@gradsch.ohio-state.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 5:52 PM
To: Brown, Trevor
Cc: Mario Miranda; Dena Myers; Elliot Slotnick; Susan Reeser
Subject:

Dear Trevor,

The Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council has reviewed your revised proposal to create a Dual Masters of Public Administration and Masters of Science in Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics. The Committee has endorsed the proposal with one remaining alteration to be made to further clarify the page 3 section on student advising. Basically, in the subsection on advising, the Committee recommends adding an amplifying sentence to the existing language to read as follows:

Advising

Upon acceptance to the dual degree program a student must select one unit or the other to serve

as his or her primary advising unit. THE STUDENT SHALL PICK A FACULTY MEMBER FROM THAT UNIT TO SERVE AS HIS OR HER ADVISOR FOR THE DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM. THE STUDENT CAN CHOOSE TO SWITCH HIS OR HER ADVISOR AND PRIMARY ADVISING UNIT DURING THE PROGRAM BASED (continue as drafted...)

If this remaining revision is acceptable to you, please incorporate in a last clean draft of the proposal and return the draft to me electronically. The proposal will then be brought for an approval vote at the next meeting of the Graduate Council. Once approved by the Graduate Council it will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for final review and approval. If the suggested revision does not accurately portray the manner in which program advising will take place, please let me know where the Committee's understanding is in error and we'll proceed from there.

Best,
Elliot

-----Original Message-----

From: Elliot Slotnick
Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2010 4:03 PM
To: Dena Myers
Subject: Fw: Joint MPA/MS

Dena, let's add to agenda...
Thx...
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----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Sat Apr 17 11:57:59 2010
Subject: RE: Joint MPA/MS

Elliot,

We've made all the requested changes in the attached document. This should be ready to go to the Graduate Council for review.

Thanks.

Trevor

From: Brown, Trevor [mailto:brown.2296@osu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Elliot Slotnick

Cc: Dena Myers; Mario Miranda
Subject: RE: Joint MPA/MS

Elliot,

Thanks for the good news. As you say, these are relatively straightforward corrections. I'll work with my colleagues here at the Glenn School and at AEDE to make the changes and have this back to you shortly.

Best,

Trevor

From: Elliot Slotnick [mailto:slotnick.1@gradsch.ohio-state.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 12:08 PM
To: Brown, Trevor
Cc: Dena Myers; Mario Miranda; Elliot Slotnick
Subject: Joint MPA/MS

Dear Trevor,

The Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council has now reviewed the proposal to offer a Dual Degree program encompassing the M.P.A. and and M.S. in Applied Economics. The Committee is supportive of the proposal "in principle" and will be taking it to the Graduate Council for its approval consideration and subsequent forwarding to Randy Smith for CAA review. There were, however, a few minor concerns (and one biggie!) that the Committee would like you to address and revise in a clean copy of the proposal that would be the version of the proposal to be sent forward by the Graduate School.

1. On page 2, there is a description of the admissions criteria utilized by the M.P.A. program, but none for the M.S. program. Please add comparable language and the appropriate substance here for the M.S. as well.
2. In the section on Elective Coursework (p.3), Committee members "think" that they understand what is meant by "Program Advisors from the two departments" but are not completely sure and would like this clarified. Is there a single program advisor in each program working with all of the dual degree students or does "Program Advisor" actually refer to each student's "personal" faculty advisors in each of the separate programs?
3. Page 4's discussion of the M.P.A. exit requirement should include a similar reference to the exit requirements for the M.S. degree.
4. Now the "biggie." Your proposal is for a Dual Degree program for the .P.A. and Applied Economics. That was Mario's wishful thinking (as he acknowledged when I saw him at a meeting last week.) That part of the proposal should be an M.S. in Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics. Please just make the change as needed on the revision.

We'll look forward to returning to the proposal as soon as these relatively easy concerns can be dealt with via revision.

Cheers,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Elliot Slotnick
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2010 10:31 AM
To: Dena Myers
Subject: Fw: Joint MPA/MS

For CC for next week...

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Fri Mar 26 10:09:43 2010
Subject: Joint MPA/MS

Dear Elliot,

Attached find a proposal from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs and the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Developmental Economics for a dual MPA/MS degree in Applied Economics. The proposal has been approved by the curricular committees of both units, so we're ready to move forward with review and approval from the Graduate School. Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions, and what the next steps are.

Sincerely,

Trevor Brown

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Proposal to Create a Dual Masters of Public Administration and Masters of Science in Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University

Introduction

The John Glenn School of Public Affairs (Glenn School) and the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AED Economics) propose to create a dual Masters of Public Administration and Master of Science in Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics. Students completing this program would earn two degrees: an MPA from the Glenn School and an MS from the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics.

The proposed dual degree promotes the interests of both programs and serves the overall mission of the University. For the Glenn School, the proposed dual degree will:

- Add to our ability to prepare students for careers in public finance, management and policy analysis with a focus on environmental, agricultural, and developmental policy issues without a significant increase in resources (e.g. new faculty) and courses;
- Contribute to fulfilling the School's objective of serving as a hub for multidisciplinary teaching and research; and
- Increase the attractiveness of the School's degree programs to a new student market.

For the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Developmental Economics, the proposed dual degree will:

- Add to our ability to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the workings of the public and nonprofit sector without a significant increase in resources (e.g. new faculty) and courses;
- Contribute to the University and College's objective of fostering interdisciplinary curricular options and research;
- Increase the attractiveness of the School's degree programs to a new student population.

For The Ohio State University, the proposed dual degree will:

- Contribute to the University's desire to create new graduate degree programs and to foster interdisciplinary curricular options;
- Strengthen two academic units by expanding the capacity for each without adding additional resources; and
- Enhance curricular offerings for graduate students throughout the University.

Dual Degree Structure and Requirements

Students must apply and be separately admitted to both the MPA program and the MS program in order to participate in the dual degree program outlined here. More specifically, although admission to the dual degree does not require simultaneous applications to both programs, students must meet the minimum admission requirements of each program and be accepted by each program's Admissions Committee to pursue the dual degree.

For the Master of Public Administration, the Glenn School seeks applicants with strong academic preparation and a commitment to public service. The Glenn School carefully reviews academic credentials, GRE or GMAT scores, resumes, personal statements, and letters of recommendation. Although not required for admission, undergraduate courses in American government, microeconomics, and statistics are strongly recommended.

For the Masters of Science, AED Economics seeks applicants with a strong academic preparation and commitment to public service. AED Economics carefully reviews academic credentials, GRE scores, resumes, personal statements, and letters of recommendation. Although not required for admission, completion of undergraduate courses in mathematics, statistics, and microeconomics are strongly recommended.

Upon matriculation into the dual degree program, students have 3 years to complete the program. A student may petition to extend the time to complete the program should circumstances arise that make completion of the degree in 3 years infeasible.

The MPA program, taken separately, requires 83 credit hours, of which 63 credit hours are required core courses. The MS program, taken separately, requires 45 credit hours, of which 20 credit hours are required core courses.

The dual MS-MPA degree will require the student to complete a minimum of **106 credit hours**, including 72 credit hours in the following required core courses:

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
PUB AFRS 801	Public Policy Formulation and Implementation	5
PUB AFRS 802	Legal Environment of Public Organizations	4
PUB AFRS 804	Public and Non-Profit Program Evaluation	4
PUB AFRS 810	Managing Public Organizations	4
PUB AFRS 811	Leadership and Human Resources in Publ. Org.	4
PUB AFRS 812	Strategy for Public Organizations	4
PUB AFRS 730	Public Finance	5
PUB AFRS 834	Public Budgeting	4
PUB AFRS 821	Governmental Information Systems Admin.	4
PUB AFRS 822	Multivariate Data Analysis	4
PUB AFRS 852	Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting	4
PUB AFRS 808	Policy Problem Seminar I	5

AED ECON 711	Production and Consumption	4
AED ECON 631	Benefit-Cost Analysis	5
AED ECON 702	Introduction to Computational Economics	4
AED ECON 713	Public Policy and Market Regulation	4
and either		
PUB AFRS 820	Data Analysis for Public Policy or	4
AED ECON 701	Applied Data Analysis	

Students must take a minimum of 34 credit hours of elective coursework, which may be taken from the AED Economics, the Glenn School, or other Ohio State University academic units, subject to approval of the student's Faculty Adviser, and subject to the additional condition that at least 10 credit hours of elective coursework are in non 899 and non 999 AED Economics graduate courses.

The Glenn School offers elective courses in nonprofit policy and management, environmental policy, public management, business/government relations, and economic development. AED Economics offers elective courses in agricultural economics, environmental economics, development economics, international trade, and spatial economics.

Advising

Upon acceptance to the dual degree program, a student must select one unit or the other to serve as his or her primary advising unit. The student shall pick a faculty member from that unit to serve as his or her advisor for the dual degree program. The student can choose to switch his or her advisor and primary advising unit during the program based on career interest, and is free to set up advising appointments in his or her non-primary unit as necessary. The primary advising unit will work with students on curriculum planning and approve electives taken, and will assume responsibility for ensuring that the student's program meets all Graduate School regulations governing dual degree programs.

Exit Requirements

Successful passage of PUB AFRS 808 serves as the exit requirement for the Glenn School MPA program. Successful passage is defined as having a final letter grade of B or better. Any student who fails to successfully complete PUB AFRS 808 will be required to successfully pass the comprehensive exam offered the following quarter.

A Final Examination, in compliance with Graduate School Handbook Section VI.2, will serve as the exit requirement for the ADE Economics MS.

Sample Program

Although experience will vary by student, the average student could complete the dual degree program in two years. The table below provides a sample schedule.

	Autumn	Winter	Spring
Year 1	PUB AFRS 801 (5) PUB AFRS 802 (4) AED ECON 701 (4) AED ECON 711 (4)	PUB AFRS 730 (5) PUB AFRS 804 (4) PUB AFRS 810 (4) PUB AFRS 822 (4)	PUB AFRS 811 (4) PUB AFRS 834 (4) AED ECON 702 (4) AED ECON 713 (4)
	TOTAL = 17	TOTAL = 17	TOTAL = 16
Year 2	PUB AFRS 808 (5) PUB AFRS 812 (4) AED ECON 631 (5) ELECTIVES (5)	PUB AFRS 852 (4) ELECTIVES (15)	PUB AFRS 821 (4) ELECTIVES (14)
	TOTAL = 19	TOTAL = 19	TOTAL = 18

**Graduate Council
May 5, 2010
226 University Hall
Meeting Minutes**

Graduate Council Members Present:

Ana Azevedo, Enrico Bonello, Theresa Early, Margaret Newell, Jim Phelan (chair), Robert Perry, John Sheridan, Harald Vaessin, Ingrid Werner, Karla Zadnik

Graduate School Staff Present: Patrick Osmer, Ann Salimbene, Elliot Slotnick, Kathleen Wallace, Susan Reeser (recorder)

A. Approval of Minutes

- Professor Phelan called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes from the April 5, 2010, Graduate Council meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. Announcements – Dean Pat Osmer

- Pelotonia has partnered with the Graduate School on a graduate student fellowship program that will support up to 18 dissertation research post-candidacy students each year in the area of cancer research. The program will commit fellowships for 2 years of student support, a competitive stipend, with tuition and fees being supplied by the Graduate School. When awarded, the mentor and mentor's department will be required to contribute a match back to Pelotonia for each year of the fellowship. Deadline for applications is July 1, 2010.
- Attended the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Annual Legislative Forum in Washington, D.C. on April 29, where the report "The Path Forward: The Future of Graduate Education in the United States" was released. The report is a joint effort of CGS and ETS (the Educational Testing Service), and can be found, along with an executive summary and news release, at www.fgereport.org.
- Dr. Debra Stewart, President of the Council of Graduate Schools will give a talk on the report "The Path Forward: The Future of Graduate Education in the United States" on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the U.S. Bank Conference Theater in the Ohio Union.
- The National Research Council (NRC) report is still not available.
- Ana Azevedo reported on the large student response to the Council of Graduate Students-sponsored Edward F. Hayes Research Forum on May 1. Dean Osmer has offered the Graduate School's assistance with the planning of next year's forum to aid in getting more visibility for the program.

C. Business

1. Semester Conversion update

Ten (10) responses were received from Graduate Council members to an e-mail vote about the proposed changes to the *Graduate School Handbook* made necessary by semester conversion. Seven of the respondents approved the changes and three Council members expressed concerns or had questions about one or more of the changed policies. Associate Dean Slotnick is working to resolve these concerns.

- **Council members voted to approve the changes to the Graduate School Handbook and it will be forwarded to the Semester Conversion Executive Coordinating Committee and the Council on Academic Affairs for further review.**

2. Dual master's degree policy

The Dual Master's degree definition and guidelines were updated by Tim Watson, Director, Graduation Services in the Graduate School. The guidelines clarifies the policy and rules for each of the dual degree programs including the dual master's degree, dual master's/Ph.D. degree, dual master's/professional doctorate degree, and the dual Ph.D./professional doctorate degree programs.

- **Council members approved the dual degree policy. The *Graduate School Handbook* will be amended to reflect the new policy.**

3. Fellowship Allocation procedures at the college level

Graduate Council member Enrico Bonello asked the Graduate School for a detailed explanation about how the college fellowship allocation process works and how the process can be improved to make it more transparent and of higher quality.

Associate Dean Slotnick explained the current proportional and formulaic process used to determine the college-based fellowship allocations. He stressed that the purpose of college-allocated fellowships was to allow colleges to make early offers to the most highly qualified students. However, it's been determined that 70% of the college allocations are being made to students who were not offered a fellowship in the regular University Fellowship competition. It was agreed that more transparency is needed between the college and the departments and it needs to be ascertained if college-based allocations are able to advance departmental goals by yielding better students.

Dean Osmer said that the entire University Fellowship competition process will be reviewed this summer to identify ways to streamline and perfect it. Data collected from previous competitions will be used in the review and a subcommittee of Graduate Council members and others will be asked to assist in the project.

4. English proficiency and conditional admission for international students

Dean Osmer reviewed the graduate conditional admission policy that would guarantee academically qualified international students admittance to a graduate program after enrolling in English proficiency courses for two quarters, or one semester, to fulfill the English proficiency requirement prior to starting their graduate program. If the student is unsuccessful in completing the intensive English instruction, admission to the program will be revoked and the student would have the option to leave the U.S. or to seek a transfer to another U.S. institution. The proposal is the initiative of the Graduate School, Graduate and Professional Admissions, International Students and Scholars, International Affairs, and is endorsed by the College of Education and Human Ecology. Implementation of the policy on conditional admission is proposed for AU 2010.

- **Graduate Council members approved the policy but expressed concern about what the right amount of time a student should spend in the intensive English language immersion is and what the notification process will be before students lose their admission eligibility and are asked to leave the university. Questions were also raised about how the I-20 process will be handled when students move from the intensive English language program into their degree program. Members indicated that the program will need to be monitored for unintended consequences. The proposal will be further reviewed by Academic Affairs and the Council of Deans.**

D. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Reports and Actions

– Theresa Early, Liaison

Professor Early explained the details and rationale for each of the following three proposals:

1. Proposal to “grandfather” two cohorts of School Psychology Ed.S. degree seekers

- Graduate Council approved the proposal to grandfather the two cohorts. Council members did not approve the proposal to give post-candidacy full time status to post-master’s students who are not yet in a doctoral program. The proposal will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.

2. Proposal to alter course requirement in the Masters of Public Affairs

- The proposal was approved by Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) for further processing.

3. Proposal to create a dual degree Master of Public Administration M.P.A. and a Master of Science M.S. in Applied Economics

- The proposal was approved by Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) for further processing.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.