

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Edward T. Foote II

FROM: George C. Alexandrakis  
Chair, Faculty Senate

DATE: March 7, 1990

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Legislation #89007(B) -  
Change of Name from Department of Politics and Public  
Affairs to Department of Political Science

The Faculty Senate, at its meeting of March 5, 1990, voted to approve Faculty Senate Legislation #89007(B) – Change of Name from Department of Politics and Public Affairs to Department of Political Science. The text of the legislation is attached.

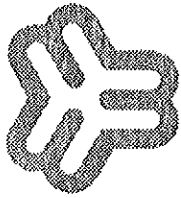
This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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Attachment

cc: Provost Luis Glaser

[Please visit the Senate office (325 Ashe) to view the attachment.]



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. David Wilson  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

FROM: Dr. John Knoblock *JK*  
Chairman, Faculty Senate

DATE: October 14, 1985

SUBJECT: Department of Political Science

Following the negative recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate Council has instructed me to return the proposal to the College for further consideration in light of the action of the Academic Planning Committee.

The Council suggests that any new proposal be the result of coordinated efforts of the Deans of the College and the School of Business Administration and of the joint action of the two faculties.

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SPECIAL SENATE COUNCIL MEETING

April 29, 1985

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PRESENT: George Alexandrakis, Vice Chairman, Clifford Alloway, William Awad, Nicholas DeCarbo, Christopher Harrison, John Kleinert, John Knoblock, Chairman-elect, Georgie Labadie, John McMinn, Nicholas Patricios, Lanny Streeter, Donald Vance, Kamal Yacoub, and Robert Zaller, Chairman.

GUESTS: Edward T. Foote II, Edward Sofen, and Alan Swan.

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Dr. Zaller.

Dr. Alan Swan, Chairman of the Academic Planning Committee, presented the following statement to the Council with regard to the proposed Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences: "The committee cannot recommend establishment of a Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences." Dr. Swan stated that a memorandum with regard to the Committee's recommendation had been drafted, and would be presented to the Council as soon as it had been approved in final form by the Committee. Discussion of this and related matters followed. Dr. Edward Sofen, Chairman of the Department of Politics and Public Affairs, presented a petition with regard to the proposed Political Science and the process culminating in the reported offer of tenured appointments to Dr. Enrique BAloyra and Dr. Jiri Valenta.

The Council then moved into Executive Session.

#### Response to Senate Resolution on Budget

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The Provost stated that he concurred with the characterization of the 1985-86 budget in the Senate resolution. He invited the Senate to delegate a representative to work with the budget officers of the administration on a continuing basis to attempt to find further sources of academic revenue within the new budget, and to undertake planning for the 1986-87 budget. The mode of distribution of 2% market pool was discussed. Vice Provost Gilpin stated that no instructions had been given to the deans limiting the number of requests that could be made for the market pool. The Provost agreed to provide a follow-up study of actual salary distribution under this formula.

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#### Response to Senate Resolution on LRASP

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The Provost stated that he was in complete agreement with the proposed distribution of funding for academic computers in the Senate resolution. The Provost stated that the distribution of such funding will be made through the Provost's office on a basis to be determined and reported to the Senate. The Provost agreed to the Senate's request to permit a faculty-appointed group to study the proposals of LRASP I and LRASP II before committing funds.

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#### Status of the Department of Politics and Public Affairs

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The impact of the proposed Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences on the present Department of Politics and Public Affairs was discussed. The Provost and Vice Provost indicated that they were not aware of new faculty positions currently being recruited by the department. The Chairman stated that according to information he had received from the department, discussions were advanced with candidates for three new positions.

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#### Action Relative to Tenured Appointment of Dr. O. R. Dathorne

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The Provost and Vice Provost presented their interpretation of the contractual status of Dr. O. R. Dathorne's appointment to the University. Discussion followed with the Provost and Vice Provost, and at a later point in the meeting it was noted that Dr. Dathorne had appealed his alleged resignation to the Committee on Rank, Salary, and Conditions of Employment. It was moved by Dr. Yacoub, seconded by Dr. Harrison, to await the recommendation of the Committee in this matter. The motion carried by a vote of seven in favor and three opposed.



MEMORANDUM

TO: George Gilpin  
Vice Provost

FROM: A. W. Brown *AWB*  
Dean

SUBJECT: Political Science Proposal

DATE: December 11, 1984

Attached is a copy of the proposal which was approved by the College Council and will be presented to the faculty of the College at the January 28 meeting.

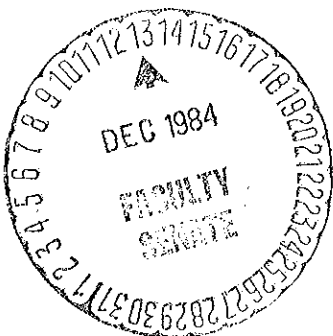
The following language was approved at the College Council meeting of December 3, 1984:

"...a motion was made, seconded and passed that a Department of Political Science and a major in Political Science be established in the College, and that after the establishment of a major in Political Science, the major in Politics and Public Affairs in the School of Business will no longer be available. Appropriate faculty in the existing Department of Politics and Public Affairs will be invited to join the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences."

AWB:ek

Enclosure

cc: Faculty Senate



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For College Council

Resolved that a Department of Political Science be established in the College of Arts and Sciences

Justification:

Political Science developed out of the discipline of history in the nineteenth century. Originally housed jointly in departments of history and political science, the field grew slowly, from 45 members of the American Political Science Association in 1903 to 5,000 fifty years later. Since the 1950's, political science has grown quickly, in response to both the interests of students and internal trends within the discipline.

It is no longer the case as it was in the 1880's, that "history is past politics and politics is present history." A political science department may be regarded as a group of faculty who share a common interest in political phenomena but whose specialties shade into other disciplines. Political theorists, for example, are similar to philosophers of politics. Behaviorists use the techniques of social scientists from psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Some students of international relations retain the historical focus of the early period in political science.

Why should a College of Arts and Sciences include a Department of Political Science? First, political science, as one of the social science disciplines, should be located organizationally with the other social sciences. Second, political science offerings can augment the College's existing programs in such departments as history and sociology, improve our interdisciplinary programs in Latin American Studies, Caribbean and Afro-American Studies and Judaic Studies, and allow us to create new interdisciplinary programs such as undergraduate international studies. Finally, the students in political science are from the College. At the upper level (300-400-500) in the 9 political science courses offered this fall, fully 76% of all students enrolled are from the College. Among all courses in the Department of Politics and Public Affairs, which includes (1) an introductory course that is required for students in the School of Business Administration and (2) upper division and graduate courses in public affairs, as distinct from political science, 36% of the enrolled students are from the College. Finally, 147 of the majors in Politics and Public Affairs are students who are enrolled in and will receive their degrees from the College.

Thus, for reasons of academic soundness and student interest, we should establish a Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Visiting Committee of the College recommended, in February 1983 and again in October 1983, that the College establish a Department of Political Science. As Dr. William Monatt, Chancellor of the Illinois state system, political scientist, and a member of the Visiting Committee, has written:

In my experience and within my knowledge political science departments of genuine reputation and strength are always situated within a college of arts and sciences. There are exceptions to this rule but those exceptions are notable and have a strong historical rationale and basis. . . . As one of the basic and essential social and behavioral sciences a political science department in my considered judgment cannot flourish within the environment of the University of Miami so long as it occupies its present organizational site. This is not criticism of the Business School but it is merely a reflection of my assessment based upon nearly thirty years of deep involvement in the political science discipline, that unless there has been a strong university and historical commitment to develop political science as a discipline in a college other than arts and sciences, it is unlikely that that evolution will ever occur.

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSAL TO DISESTABLISH THE 50-YEAR OLD DEPARTMENT  
OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Appeal to the Faculty Senate

The Department of Politics and Public Affairs respectfully requests the Senate Council and the Faculty Senate to hold a full review and hearing including the calling of witnesses, before taking any action regarding the creation of a new Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. Extensive hearings have been held in the recent past by the representatives of the faculty regarding matters relating to the School of Education, the Master Plan, the kind of trees to be planted on Campus, the creation of the Graduate School for International Studies, the School of Communications, and the case of Richard Sharvy. The last-named issue involved numerous hearings, debates, and discussions for over a period of one year by the Senate Council, the Senate, and special committees of the Senate. The protection of one individual when an important principle was believed to be involved, provided for the full implementation of due process by the Senate. We ask only that the same consideration be shown to our entire Department, many of whose members have served the University and the community for many years.

A summary, history, and analysis of the struggle to move PPA from the School of Business to the College of Arts and Sciences follows. At stake, however, is more than just a question of philosophy or judgment. The major issues are those of fairness, adherence to established procedures, and to the rights and guarantees of the faculty, as provided by the Faculty Charter. The pages below attempt to tell our side of the story.

Background

The PPA faculty has a fine publishing, teaching, and service record, and is a closely knit department which is a viable working entity. Our faculty are all political scientists, including those of us teaching courses in Public Administration. It would appear that there is some confusion as to the definitions of Public Affairs, Government and Political Science. These are generic terms which are used interchangeably to embrace a multitude of subject areas such as constitutional law, political theory, international relations, public administration, political behavior, comparative government, and of quite some importance, American Government and its problems.

The struggle over the transfer of PPA has been waged by our Faculty for many years. There would be no crisis if Arts and Sciences sought to have PPA transferred from the School of Business to the College, and simply employed the legitimate procedures which had been followed in 1981. It would seem that Arts and Sciences did not wish to pursue this proper course of action because of their experience in 1981. The procedures followed at that time provided for a vote by the Department of Politics and Public Affairs, by the School of Business, by the Academic Planning Committee, and by the Faculty Senate. The PPA faculty unanimously favored remaining with the Business School, and the faculty of the Business School, which has been completely ignored in 1984-85, voted 87 to 3 to keep PPA in the School of Business. In 1981, PPA was also strongly supported by the Academic Planning Committee. The issue was thus dropped by the proponents of the transfer.

The procedures followed in 1985 were drastically modified, and we in PPA were belatedly informed that the College would withdraw all PPA majors in Arts and Sciences, and establish a new Department of its own to be called the Department of Political Science. Apparently, the PPA faculty would be invited to join

the new department. The invitation gives PPA the alternative of transferring to the new Department of Political Science or losing all its Arts and Sciences PPA majors. This is not free choice but coercion. Indeed, it is almost a form of blackmail, and runs contrary to the spirit of the Faculty Charter. A collegial relationship must be based upon persuasion, not compulsion.

#### Basic Issues

##### 1. Confusion, Redundancy and Waste

There are many questions that come to mind which need to be answered before any serious consideration is given to the proposal for two departments. Who, for example, would control the line items, the budget, the hiring of new faculty, and what would happen to the professors who did not want to move over to Arts and Sciences? Could the administration starve us into submission by the control of the purse? Moreover, if there were insufficient students in our Department, would the faculty member become a fatality of financial exigency while the other department might be flourishing? Might any significant problem of tenure violations arise out of the creation of two departments? Might we not anticipate that the existence of two departments would lead to duplication and redundancy?

##### 2. Organizational Restructuring

Universities may be organized in any number of different ways, but why disrupt an on-going operation that is functioning well, and has shared the School of Business tradition for 50 years? The fact that the PPA Department is in the Business School is not something to be decried, but to be praised. There are important and expanding linkages between business and politics. This past year, the Visiting Business Committee of fifteen, unanimously supported our decision to remain in the School of Business. The Committee is composed of distinguished individuals such as University of Miami trustees Hood Bassett, David Blumberg,

and such outstanding educators as Dr. Gerald Lieberman, Vice President and Dean of Research at Stanford University, and Dr. Kermit Hanson, of the Pacific Coast Banking School at Seattle. The other members of the committee hold important executive positions in government and business.

### 3. Critical Mass

A critical intellectual mass of the Department requires a certain kind of student base so that the department may realize its scholarly potential for teaching, research and service. This is provided for PPA by the School of Business requirement of six credits in American Government (PPA 211 and PPA 212). All business majors must fulfill the six-credit requirements, whereas in the College of Arts and Sciences, only PPA majors are required to do so. Of approximately 1800 students a year who register for PPA 211 and PPA 212, some two-thirds or more are students who come from the School of Business and thus provide a substantial revenue base for a highly profitable PPA Department. PPA also serves the needs of Arts and Sciences politics majors since the students of the College are able to obtain their Bachelor of Arts degree just as if in fact a Political Science department existed in the College of Arts and Sciences. Unlike the School of Business, however, Arts and Sciences students (non-PPA majors) need not take a single political science course credit. As PPA alumni from Arts and Sciences will attest, the College has no real need to have a politics department under its jurisdiction, when PPA has so well served the interests of the Arts and Sciences PPA major. Also, the argument that most universities have their politics department in Arts and Sciences is weakened by the fact that Economics, at the University of Miami, is also in the School of Business. It would seem that Economics is able to survive quite well in either milieu in other universities.

#### 4. Social Darwinism

A rather perceptive observation of one of our professors is that the present effort to disestablish PPA would set a precedent for Departmental "raids" by one school against another. This is a kind of social Darwinism in which scholarship can hardly expect to flourish. Moreover in the new era of incentive budgeting, the creation of two-alike departments threatens to squander university resources at a time when we must carefully safeguard all the revenue we are able to generate.

The idea of two co-existing "government" departments is a gross absurdity from organizational, revenue, and intellectual points of view. Even more important is the damage to the morale of our faculty, the students, and the staff. One faculty member from the Department of Politics and Public Affairs, a Ph.D. from Columbia with a Harvard law degree, has already resigned, fixing the blame on the "deteriorating political situation." Other PPA faculty feel they have been betrayed by the Administration. Some are shopping for new jobs and giving possible consideration to offers of employment elsewhere.

The proposed change encroaches on the autonomy of the faculty, poses a grave danger to tenure, and indeed may also be a threat to employment and to academic freedom. We, in the Department, will demand that all of the procedural and substantive guarantees of the Faculty Charter be adhered to.

#### The Graduate School for International Studies

The Department of Politics and Public Affairs respectfully submits that a major reason for the present emphasis in creating a new Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences, is to allow the Dean of GSIS to control the appointment of new PPA senior faculty specializing in International Relations. The insistence by the Dean of GSIS that he dictate the selection of such

senior faculty, ignores the recommendations of the Department to which the appointee is to be assigned and violates the letter and the spirit of the legislation creating GSIS. The intent of that legislation makes very clear that the departments involved in the international field, have the ultimate power to make recommendations for appointments to their disciplines. This follows a long history of abuses regarding appointments by the former Center for Advanced International Studies, the predecessor organization to GSIS.

#### Conclusion

It is our belief that the kind of arbitrary behavior discussed above has been manifested by the Administration on a number of critical occasions. The Administration at least as it appears to the Department, believes that the Faculty Charter does not truly place limits upon the President's office or upon that of the trustees. The undeniable fact is that the Faculty Charter imposes both rights and limitations upon the faculty, the President, and the trustees.

As I conclude this memo, we have been made aware of the shocking news that the President has by-passed the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate Council, and the Senate; gone directly to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees with the recommendation of tenure for two political scientists who have been denied recommendations by the Department of Politics and Public Affairs. Even more unbelievable is the fact that the two appointees were recommended for tenure in the non-existent Department of Political Science. Alan Swan, Chairman of the Academic Planning Committee has declared that we have a constitutional crisis. We, of the faculty, have spent years in creating a fundamental Charter which is protective of our rights, we will not idly sit by while these rights are weakened and emasculated.

MEMORANDUM

~~Draft of~~ September 9, 1985

TO: Professor John Knoblock, Chairman, Faculty Senate.

FROM: Professor Alan C. Swan, Chairman, Academic Planning Committee. *Alan C. Swan*

SUBJECT: Proposal to establish a Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

This Memorandum is intended to provide the Faculty Senate with written confirmation of the decision of the Academic Planning Committee verbally communicated by me to the Senate Council on April 29, 1985.

At its meeting on April 24, 1985 the Committee voted unanimously to advise the Faculty Senate that it could not endorse establishment of the proposed Department at this time.

On April 10, 1985 the Committee had decided, in principle, to recommend establishment of the proposed Department. Subsequent to that meeting, however, information came to the attention of the Committee which caused it to believe that certain premises underlying its initial decision were not correct. In the Committee's view, the new information vitiated that decision.

Shortly before a meeting of the Committee scheduled for April 24, 1985, the Chairman learned that offers of appointment had been made to two individuals who were to serve in the Graduate School of International Studies, in spite of the fact that the Department of Politics and Public Affairs had voted not to endorse the appointments. At that time the terms and designation of the appointments offered were unknown. Then at a meeting with the President of the University on April 24, the Chairman was advised that the President had taken the names of these two individuals to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and that the latter Committee had approved both appointments with a

grant of tenure. In what department the appointments were to be made was left unclear. Later the Chairman learned that apparently the Executive Committee of the Board had also approved establishment of the proposed new Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences, and that the two individuals noted above were to be appointed to that Department.

In light of these interventions the Committee believes that it would be inappropriate for it to recommend that the Faculty Senate endorse establishment of the proposed Department.