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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: August 29, 2013

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-05(B) – Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the Status of the Departments of International Studies and Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences

At its August 28, 2013 meeting, the Faculty Senate adopted by majority with one abstention the following resolution. Senate action at this time is a follow-up to Legislation #2011-57(D) (Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the Merging of the Departments of International Studies and Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences), which requested the Dean of Arts and Sciences to take no further action on the merger, and requested the views of the Arts and Sciences faculty as to whether it still considered it desirable for the merger to take place.

The Senate' resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate, in Legislation #2010-03(B) dated October 28, 2010, had authorized but not required the merger of the Department of International Studies with the Department of Political Science, and

WHEREAS as a consequence of subsequent developments, the Faculty Senate on April 18, 2012, adopted a resolution calling on the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to take no further steps to effectuate the merger, and requested the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences to advise the Senate on whether or not, in its opinion, such a merger was still in the best interests of the College and University, and

WHEREAS the Faculty of the College on April 29, 2013, voted overwhelmingly that the merger should not take place,

NOW THEREFORE,

THE FACULTY SENATE DECIDES that effective immediately, there shall be both a Department of International Studies and a Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

IT FURTHER ENDORSES the plan of the Dean of the College to enter into arrangements with those members of the International Studies faculty who wish to move to the Department of Political Science to do so, provided they continue to teach in the degree programs in International Studies for an agreed upon period of time;

THE SENATE TAKES NOTE of the Dean's plan to establish an interdisciplinary program in International Studies at some time in the future, with the understanding that doing so would require the approval of the Faculty Senate and the President.

This legislation passed unanimously except for one abstention. However, the critical vote was whether to retain the issue on the agenda, which passed by majority with nine negative votes and three abstentions. It is now forwarded to you for your action.

RLW/rh

Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-05(B) – Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the Status of the Departments of International Studies and Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences

APPROVED:  DATE: 10/31/13
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean Bachas

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

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To: Richard Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

From: Leonidas Bachas
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Subject: A&S Faculty Actions

Date: August 9, 2013

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Following up to the Faculty Senate's request according to Legislation #2011-57(D), I am hereby reporting on actions taken at the last meeting of the Faculty of the College on April 29, 2013. As part of the discussion, the faculty considered the attached document entitled "Follow up Plan."

The College faculty voted with a count of 67 YES, 1 NO, and 4 ABSTAIN, the following motion:

"The faculty of the College of Arts & Sciences recommends to the Faculty Senate and the Administration that the Departments of International Studies and Political Science be re-created as two separate departments; an interdisciplinary program will be created under the name Program in International Studies; following Faculty Senate approval, this program will have responsibility for the current BA/BS, MA and PhD degrees in international studies. No change will be made in the descriptions, degree requirements, objectives and learning outcomes of these programs. Regular Faculty who teach or have taught in these programs over the most recent, and subsequent, three-year periods will form the Steering Committee that will oversee them."

Descriptions of the Programs in International Studies as indicated in the above motion have been attached. Please note that no changes have been made to the descriptions, degree requirements, objectives and learning outcomes of these programs. The only change is in the governance of the programs, which is included in the programs' descriptions.

The Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and College Diversity has been appointed to oversee the undergraduate and graduate International Studies Programs until such time as a Director (or Undergraduate and Graduate Directors) can be appointed. The College has dedicated a professional advisor to help with the advising of BA and BS students. The department has, as of June 1, 2013, an interim chair. The INS degrees will be taught through academic collaboration among individual departments within the College and the University as it is currently done with our other interdisciplinary degrees in the College. This interdisciplinary program will offer ample options to students who want to major or have a minor in International studies. Additionally, departments within the College and the University may request the

appointment of faculty who will have partial teaching duties in the INS interdisciplinary degrees. Two such positions have been requested and authorized this year.

It is anticipated that faculty may request transfer between the departments of INS and POL. A process is being developed for such action. At this time, we cannot speculate on a detailed budget as we are in the infancy stage of the conversion of the international studies degrees into an interdisciplinary program. There is a current budget that supports operations of the INS faculty and provides for teaching resources for INS degrees; no new funding would be needed.

INS degrees will be taught as interdisciplinary programs with annual assessment according to SACS regulations to maintain rigor and continuous improvement. The graduate degrees will be reviewed periodically and on a regular basis by the Graduate School according to policy specified in the Faculty Manual.

I trust that the Senate will add its support and approve this request. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Attachments

PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Undergraduate Major & Minor

Rationale:

International Studies provides a focused educational experience aimed at familiarizing students with the key structural features and dynamics of the international system and preparing them to enter the growing international job market. Processes of globalization, in part driven by global capital flows, expanding trade and the unrelenting development of communication and information technologies, have affected virtually everyone in every country, often in ways we are just beginning to understand. These developments often pose serious problems for government and other societal institutions, while also creating a demand for individuals who understand international processes. Jobs in virtually all sectors have acquired a decidedly international dimension, whether in trade, tourism, finance, public policy, government, or education. INS Graduates have moved on to the corporate world, the public sector, started their own businesses, or have continued their studies at the graduate level (i.e. Law, Business, and International Studies).

Requirements:

Major in International Studies (30 credits)

The International Studies major consists of three components:

I. Core Requirements

II. Thematic Core

III. INS Electives

I. Core Requirements (12 credits)

INS 101* Global Perspectives – Introduction to International Studies.

INS 102 Global Economics.

INS 201* Globalization and Change in World Politics.

INS 202 Research Methods in International Studies.

* These courses must be completed before taking the Thematic Core courses.

II. Thematic Core (12 credits):

Students should choose at least one course from each of the following four fields. Additional classes will be counted toward the elective portion of the INS major, if taken. Other courses, including classes in other disciplines, may be taken with the approval of the INS Advisor.

International Politics, Foreign Policy and Peace Studies:

INS 341 Nationalism, Ethnicity and Conflict

INS 540 International Peace and Conflict Resolution

INS 542 Drug-Trafficking in the Americas

INS 560 US Foreign Policy

INS 561 Negotiation and Bargaining

INS 566 US-Latin American Relations

Comparative Studies of Politics and Societies in a Globalizing World:

INS 330 Introduction to Comparative Analysis

INS 335 Democratization

INS 533 Transnational Social Movements

INS 534 The Military, State and Society
INS 565 The World Before European Domination
INS 584 Latin American Thought
International Economics, Political Economy and Development:
INS 320 Global Economics II
INS 321 Global Political Economy
INS 322 Economics of Development and Environment
INS 420 Global Trade
INS 520 Environmental Economics and Policy
INS 571 International Development and Human Welfare
International Law, Organizations, and Global Governance:
INS 460 United Nations Seminar
INS 564 International Law
INS 570 Globalization and Health
INS 573 Disasters, Terrorism and Global Public Health
INS 591 The European Union
INS 595 European Social Movements

III. INS Electives and Interdisciplinary Options (6 credits):

Students are required to take a total of 6 additional credits of elective course work from INS courses at the 300 level or above. With the approval of the INS Advisor, students may take courses from other departments outside of INS such as Geography and Regional Studies, History, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Religion, Art History, Foreign Languages, Environmental Science, et cetera. Appropriate study abroad courses, an approved internship (INS 519), or an honors thesis (INS 418 & 419) may also be used to fulfill elective credit requirements.

Important Advising Notes for all International Studies Majors

1) Double Counting

Of the combined courses in the Thematic Core and the INS Electives, no more than 6 credits may count double towards a second major. A student may not count any course used to fulfill the requirements of the INS major toward a minor requirement.

2) Study Abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a summer, a semester, or an entire year, depending on the program. Study abroad at carefully selected institutions will complement the student's curriculum and area of specialization, will enhance fluency in the foreign language, and will result in heightened affinity for a foreign culture. The study abroad experience need not result in credit overloads or extended time spent in the program.

3) Internship Credit

Students are encouraged to find a suitable internship during their undergraduate career. Upon approval by an advisor in the International Studies Undergraduate Program Office, 3 credits may be earned with an internship (INS 519), either toward the major or as elective credits (depending on the relevance of the particular internship to the INS major). The University's Toppel Career Planning and Placement Center regularly advertises internships.

4) Academic Standing

Only courses in which a grade of C- or better is attained, may be counted towards the International Studies major and students must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or better in all major requirements (30 credits).

Minor in International Studies

Requirements for the Minor in International Studies (15 credits)

The International Studies Minor consists of two parts: (I) a 6-credit set of introductory courses; (II) 9 credits in advanced courses.

I. Base (6 credits)

Two of the following core requirements must be taken:

INS 101 — Global Perspectives - Introduction to International Studies

INS 102 — Global Economics

INS 201 — Globalization and Change In World Politics

INS 202 — Research Methods in International Studies

II. Advanced courses (9 credits).

In order to graduate with a minor in International Studies, students must take three INS courses at the 300-level or above. Advanced level courses from other departments may be taken if approved by the INS advisor.

Only courses in which a grade of C- or better is attained may be counted towards the minor in International Studies, and students must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or better in all minor requirements (15 credits).

Governance:

All Interdisciplinary Programs within the College of Arts and Sciences are administered by a Director who acts in consultation with a faculty advisory committee. The Director staffs courses, develops programming, and advises students. The faculty advisory committee determines curricula, conducts assessment, and assists with programming. Regular Faculty who teach or have taught in these programs over the most recent, and subsequent, three-year periods will form the Steering Committee that will oversee them. The Program in International Studies will be represented in the Senate and on university committees by the IDS Coordinator and/or IDS committee representatives.

PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts in International Studies,

Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies

Rationale:

The Program in International Studies offers interdisciplinary social science instruction leading to the Ph.D. and MA degrees. Ph.D. and MA programs offer advanced students the opportunity to study issues such as globalization, democratic governance, comparative and international political economy, post-Cold War conflicts and security threats, and new forms of civil society mobilization in world politics. To organize the study of these debates in the social sciences, the Program offers three fields of specialization:

- **International Relations:** international relations theory; globalization; social movements beyond the nation-state; security studies; peace and conflict studies; international law and organization; international political economy; foreign policy analysis, global public health, and related fields.
- **Comparative Politics:** theory and methods of comparative analysis; authoritarian and democratic political regimes; democratic governance and citizenship, comparative political economy; contentious politics and social movements; civil-military relations; and appropriate courses on selected regions, such as the European Union, Latin America, or the Post-Soviet countries.
- **International and Comparative Political Economy:** the politics and institutions regulating the global trade, investment, and financial regimes; comparative international development; the politics and economics of international environmental regimes; democracy, partisan politics, and global governance, the domestic and international distributive impacts of globalization; and international economic theory.

Requirements:

Ph.D. Degree Requirements

The primary objective of the Ph.D program is to prepare a select group of highly qualified doctoral students for careers in academic teaching and research. The requirements include:

- Complete a total of 66 degree credits (12 semester courses) to obtain the Ph.D. degree (i.e., 36 credits at the doctoral level beyond the MA degree).
- Complete one seminar on quantitative methods and one seminar on qualitative methods in the social sciences.
- Complete a sequence of two core seminars in two of the Program's three major fields of study: International Relations; Comparative Politics; and International and Comparative Political Economy.
- Pass written and oral examinations in two of the Program's three fields of study.
- Complete at least one of the basic core seminars in the third (non-examination) field.
- Complete the Doctoral Workshop.
- Successfully defend a dissertation proposal/prospectus.
- Pass a foreign language examination.

- Complete 12 dissertation credits.
- Research, write and orally defend a dissertation that makes an original contribution to knowledge.
- See the *INS Graduate Student Handbook* (<http://www.as.miami.edu/internationalstudies/pdf/Graduate%20Student%20Handbook.Fall%202010.pdf>) for a complete description of the requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

MA Degree Requirements

The MA degree prepares students for careers in International diplomacy, business, trade and finance, for service in government and non-governmental organizations and International institutions, and with the necessary degree and academic training to enter a doctoral program. The requirements include:

- Complete ten semester courses (30 credits).
- Complete a seminar on social science methodology.
- Complete two of the core seminars in one of the Program's fields of study, and at least one of the core seminars in either of the other two fields. These fields include: International Relations; Comparative Politics; International and Comparative Political Economy.
- Pass a written qualifying (comprehensive) examination in one of the three fields of specialization.
- Pass a foreign language examination.
- MA candidates with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 may, with permission, substitute the qualifying examination with a written MA thesis.
- See the *INS Graduate Student Handbook* for a complete description of the requirements for the MA degree.

Governance:

International Studies MA and PhD degrees are awarded by the Graduate School of the University of Miami and are subject to Graduate School requirements. All Interdisciplinary Programs within the College of Arts and Sciences are administered by a Director who acts in consultation with a faculty advisory committee. The Director staffs courses, develops programming, and advises students. The faculty advisory committee determines curricula, conducts assessment, and assists with programming. Regular Faculty who teach or have taught in these programs over the most recent, and subsequent, three-year periods will form the Steering Committee that will oversee them. The Program in International Studies will be represented in the Senate and on university committees by the IDS Coordinator and/or IDS committee representatives.

Follow up Plan Regarding INS and POL
To be Discussed and Voted on April 29, 2013

Current Status

In response to a request by the Faculty Senate, the College faculty met on February 19 and listened to presentations of two position papers from groups of faculty in favor of and against the merger. This was followed by a vote of the faculty on the following motion, "The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences advises the Faculty Senate that in our opinion the merger should not be implemented." A vote was taken, which resulted in 33 YES and 31 NO.

A Vision of the Program Moving Forward

Both position papers presented at the faculty meeting of February 19, 2013 envisioned a reconfiguration of the faculty with some faculty moving from one home to another. Following the faculty meeting, I have received requests from individual faculty members who want to exercise an option to move. I am working on the details with the Provost and Faculty Affairs that would allow such requested moves to take place. Assuming successful resolution of these issues and in the overall context of this plan, I anticipate accommodating these requests in the Fall semester or sooner.

International Studies is inherently interdisciplinary, as both position papers indicated at the faculty meeting. In the academy, there are several models for offering degrees in international studies. Some universities do so through interdisciplinary centers and institutes, with the majority of colleges and universities offering such degrees through interdisciplinary programs and collaborations among individual departments. We previously had a school-based program at UM, but for historical reasons that are well known this model was abandoned.

I anticipate that once faculty who have been teaching in INS move to another unit of the College, *de facto* the INS degree programs will be taught with a significant proportion of faculty from units other than INS. This was evident in both presentations at the faculty meeting, where it was stated that the INS degrees would be taught through academic collaboration among multiple units within the College or the greater university. This move of the faculty requires that I reconsider, with faculty input, the nature of the degree programs within the definition provided in the Faculty Manual. The Faculty Manual in section B6.4 defines an interdisciplinary program as "a specified group of courses offered by the faculties of two or more departments or undepartmentalized schools." Accordingly, in such a case the faculty members who teach in the program control the curriculum.

I believe that the best model going forward that ensures the longevity of the INS degrees is the interdisciplinary program structure in which the faculty members who teach in the program are the faculty who oversee the curriculum.

As the students who have spoken to me and to the faculty have requested, I want to ensure that both the strength of the INS degrees is maintained, and the range of courses and curriculum that have made these degrees attractive continue to be offered. As a temporary measure, I will appoint a college faculty member to oversee the undergraduate and graduate programs. The College will dedicate a professional advisor to help with advising the BA and BS INS students.

Next Steps

I will establish procedures that will allow faculty to move their tenure lines between the two units, pending approval of the receiving units.

I have suspended admissions to the PhD program in INS for this year until we know more about the faculty who will supervise and teach in the graduate program. I will reevaluate the situation in the Fall 2013 to determine whether students could be admitted with a Fall 2014 start date.

Any future graduate degree programs in Political Science are not affected; their establishment, which is independent of the INS PhD and MA, will proceed according to the usual faculty approval processes within the College and the Faculty Senate, if the faculty members in POL. decide to pursue (or initiate) such an action.

Dr. Bruce Bagley will be stepping down as Department Chair of INS at the end of spring semester. I will appoint an interim chair following the procedures outlined in the Faculty Manual.

Motion at the Faculty Meeting

I plan to ask someone to make the following motion at the Faculty Meeting to be voted as a single motion:

INS and POL will be separate departments, and an interdisciplinary program will be created under the name *Program in International Studies*; following Faculty Senate approval, this program will have responsibility for the current BA/BS, MA and PhD degrees in international studies. No change will be made in the descriptions, degree requirements, objectives and learning outcomes of these programs. Faculty who teach or have taught in these programs over the most recent, and subsequent, three-year periods will form the steering committee that will oversee them.