To: Graduate Academic Council

From: Sridar Chittur, Chair
GAC Committee on Curriculum & Instruction (CC&I)

Date: March 1, 2012

Subject: Report and Recommendations


The CC&I Committee was to meet on February 27, 2012. However, as only one item of business was to be considered, that business item was circulated via email for consideration.

Rockefeller College’s Department of Public Administration and Policy proposed changes to its Public Sector Management Certificate of Graduate Study

The Public Sector Management Certificate is comprised of five courses to be chosen from seven different areas leading to a specialization in Public Management, Public Economics and Finance, Local Government Management, Public Policy, Information Strategy and Management, Public Security or Legislative Administration. As the Certificate has been offered for a number of years, Rockefeller College felt revisions were in order to address changes in the public management field, student demand and faculty offerings. One example of such an update is the requested concentration title change for “Public Security” to “Homeland Security”. Spreadsheets setting forth the present Certificate requirements as stated in the Graduate Bulletin side-by-side with corresponding edits are attached for each of the six specializations involved. Only the Legislative Administration area escaped a re-working. Dean David Rousseau provided a letter introducing the changes and giving his endorsement.

CC&I Committee members considered the proposal to be clearly written and presented. The overall structure of the Certificate was kept intact. Because the changes ensure course availability and give students relevant elective choices, the proposal received the full support of the Committee via a 6-0 affirmative email vote that concluded on March 1, 2012.

The proposal is moved forward to GAC for final action.