TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Academic Planning & Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Discontinuance of MPA Option in Public Policy Development

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Discontinuance of MPA Option in Public Policy Development; effective Fall 2010

CAPR reviewed this request at their May 7, 2009 meeting and recommends approval of the discontinuance of this option, as the program is consolidating its current five options down to three.
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DISCONTINUANCE OF
OPTION IN PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1. Department: Public Affairs and Administration

2. Full and exact title of program, with name of major for options: Masters of Public Administration

3. List of other options, minors, certificates, or credentials in the major/department. Proposals are concurrently being submitted to combine option areas into the following 3 areas:

   1. Option in Public Management and Policy Analysis (24 units)
   2. Option in Management of Human Resources and Change (24 units)
   3. Option in Health Care Administration (24 units)

   Purpose of the Proposed Discontinuance. Due to limited resources, the department has had the problem of offering courses in five option areas. Thus, the consolidation of the existing five options into three option areas would improve the efficiency in scheduling and will better meet the needs of students. These changes are necessary to meet the accreditation standards established by the National Association of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

3. How many students are currently pursuing this option, minor, certificate, or credential? Approximately 13 students.

4. The Department is responsible for accommodating students who are currently pursuing this option, minor, certificate, or credential in finishing their program. All of the courses currently offered under this option will continue to be offered under the proposed new option area.

5. Resource Implications: No additional resources are required at present, considering the budget situation. In the near future, the Department will need one new faculty who can teach the courses in information management in the public sector and other courses in the public management option.

6 Consultation with other affected departments and program committee:

   a) The following department(s) has (have) been consulted and raise no objections: All Departments in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences were consulted and there were no objections.

   b) The following department(s) has (have) been consulted and raise concerns:

      Department: n/a
      Concern: n/a
7. Certification of DEPARTMENT APPROVAL by the chair and faculty.
   Chair: Jong Jun
   Date: 3/10/09
   Professor Jong Jun, Interim Department Chair

8. Certification of COLLEGE APPROVAL by the dean/associate dean and college curriculum committee.
   Dean/Associate Dean: Gale Young
   Date: 4/09/09