August 15, 2012

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to change the name of the major in Public Administration (Ph.D.) to Public Administration and Policy (Ph.D.) will be an agenda item for the August 22, 2012, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Jere W. Morehead
    Dr. Laura D. Jolly
March 9, 2012

Maureen Grasso
Dean, Graduate School
University of Georgia
320 Clayton St., Suite 400
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dean Grasso:

The purpose of this letter is to endorse the request from the Department of Public Administration and Policy in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) to change the major name of that department’s Ph.D. degree from Public Administration to Public Administration and Policy. As explained in the attached letter from J. Edward Kellough, Head of the Department of Public Administration and Policy, the proposed change more accurately reflects the content of the degree program and is consistent with the name of the department in which the degree program is located. The proposed major name change does not involve any changes in the curriculum, prefix or degree requirements.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Lauth
Dean
March 6, 2012

Dean Thomas P. Lauth
School of Public and International Affairs
204 Candler Hall
The University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dean Lauth,

I am writing to request that the name of the PhD degree offered by the Department of Public Administration and Policy be changed from “PhD in Public Administration” to “PhD in Public Administration and Policy.” This matter was raised originally in a recent meeting of the department’s Faculty Executive Committee. That Committee recommended the change and the matter was placed before our faculty for a vote where it was unanimously approved (15 yes, 0 no).

As you know, our PhD students prepare themselves in three substantive fields and in research methodology. The substantive fields include two that are mandatory (Public Administration and Public Policy Analysis) and one that is chosen by the student as an area of specialization. Because Public Policy Analysis is one of the mandatory fields that every student takes, and because focused study in public policy is an increasingly popular area of specialization for our doctoral students, the proposed change in the name of the degree will more accurately reflect the content of our program and the training of our students than does the current name.

Since its creation in 2002, following the establishment of the School of Public and International Affairs the previous year, the Department of Public Administration and Policy has significantly expanded course offerings in public policy analysis. The department now offers courses in: 1) the foundations of policy analysis; 2) policy analysis I and II; 3) the policy process; 4) policy implementation; and 5) policy evaluation. Additionally the department has developed several PhD-level seminars in specialized areas of public policy that are regularly offered.

The Department of Public Administration and Policy at the University of Georgia has long been recognized as one of the premier training grounds for scholars in the field of public administration. This change in degree name will recognize our substantial new strength in the field of public policy analysis and the core competencies of our current students. The proposed change does not involve any alterations to the curriculum or the commitment of any additional resources. The required “Name Change Justification Form” accompanies this letter.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Kellough
Professor and Department Head
NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College
Name: ____________________________________________________________

Proposed
Name: ____________________________________________________________

Department Name Changes:
Current Department Name: __________________________________________

Proposed Department Name: __________________________________________

Major Name Changes:
Current Major Name: Public Administration  Degree: PhD

Proposed Major Name: Public Administration - Policy  Degree: PhD

Minor Name Change:
Current Minor Name: ____________________________________________

Degree: __________________________________________________________

Proposed Minor Name: ____________________________________________

Degree: __________________________________________________________

Prefix Changes:
A prefix change package should be submitted after the name change has been approved.

Current Prefix ____________________________________________

Department ____________________________________________

Proposed Prefix ____________________________________________

Department ____________________________________________

JUSTIFICATION:
Attach a page justifying pages

SIGNATURES:
School/College: ________________________________________________

Department: _________________________________________________

Graduate School: ____________________________________________

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