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Subject: International Studies 6500 & MHSD
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Dear Tony,

On Monday, Oct. 5, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee considered a proposal for new course International Studies 6500 and a proposal for a new Master's in Human Security and Development.

The Panel did not take votes on the proposals but would like the following points addressed first:

- International Studies 6500
 - The proposed course duplicates content of Political Science 7245: Politics of Development.
 - Please obtain concurrences from (1) AEDE, (2) Economics, (3) Political Science, and (4) Sociology.

- Master's in Human Security and Development
 - Concurrences for the *actual proposed professional Master's* need to be asked. Indeed the way the concurrences have been asked pertains mostly to asking permission to include courses in the Master's. Those types of responses do not provide the necessary information for the ASCC (Panel and full committee) and CAA to gauge whether units and colleges are in agreement with the full program. In fact, some responders indicated explicitly that they had not seen the full proposal (e.g., Social Work) or that their full faculty had not discussed the full proposal (e.g., Sociology). Other responders did not clearly phrase their concurrences in such a way that allowed the SBS Panel to determine that those units had indeed fully considered the whole program in their concurrence.
 - Furthermore, the concurrences should also inquire about the frequency with which the courses are offered. The following statement appears on p. 9 of the proposal: "All the courses that figure, now or in the future, in the proposed degree program should be offered no less than once every two years." However, some of the faculty reviewers on the SBS Panel have noticed that this may not be the case for some of the courses listed (e.g., some of the courses in Political Science have not been offered in over a decade: Comm 6763 has not been offered in 2 years; it is not clear when Comm 7830 will be offered again--probably likely to be removed from the books soon).
 - Comm 7850 might not be relevant for this particular master's.
 - College of Engineering reviewed this proposal and asked that some classes be removed. This has apparently not been done.
 - Once the program is running, someone will need to oversee that there are no conflicts in times of offering for the core courses. This will require working closely with several departments.
 - Minimal level of linguistic competence is not well defined in proposal.
 - Internship is not defined. Does program provide for internships? Please elaborate further on the internship part of the program

- o P. 4: Second paragraph. "At the end of the *course*, students will submit a 35-40 [page] research paper using the knowledge and expertise they have gained from their courses and internship experience." What course is here referenced? Is it "master's program" that is meant?
- o Not much information is provided about the "paper." Is there a structure / a committee? Do students choose a faculty advisor?
- o P. 11: "M.A." is referred to. In actuality, this a professional master's program, not an M.A.
- o Appendix B: List of specializations is cut off (only 5 out of 7 appear on the page).

Should you have any questions about the feedback above, please feel free to contact Pok-sang Lam (Chair of the SBS Panel; cc'd on this message), or me.

I will return the proposals via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute to enable Internationals Studies to make the necessary changes.

Best regards,
Bernadette

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