

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: 15 September 2008

To: Karen Cook, Chair
XLI Senate of the Academic Council

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies

Re: Recommendation to Authorize a Joint Degree Program Consisting of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and the Master of Science (MS) in Management Science and Engineering

On May 22, 2008, Gregory Rosston, Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Public Policy, presented C-GS with a joint degree program proposal consisting of the two-year Master's Degree in Public Policy (MPP) and the Master of Science Degree in Management Science and Engineering.

This joint degree program (JDP) will add the tool of policy analysis to the student's other work in MS&E; the only difference from other Public Policy JDPs will be a stronger concentration on coursework. The Public Policy does not expect many students to apply for this JDP, but it will complement the previously-approved JDP that includes the MPP and PhD in Management Science and Engineering. This JDP proposal will allow up to 45 quarter units to overlap toward residency requirements so the total program can be completed within 90 units.

Final documentation from the School of Engineering had not been received before the May 22 meeting of C-GS; the members agreed to take an electronic vote once the SoE approval was sent to C-GS. This was accomplished by May 30, 2008, and members were so notified. It was too late to bring this recommendation to the Senate's June meeting; C-GS informed the IDP in Public Policy and the Department of Management Science and Engineering that it would be brought to the Senate in Autumn Quarter 2008-09.

The Committee on Graduate Studies therefore recommends the approval of the joint degree program consisting of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and the MS in Management Science and Engineering. As with all previous joint degree program recommendations, the C-GS recommendation is for an initial period of three years, which would now be September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2012.

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
RECOMMENDATION FOR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM:
MPP AND MS&E MS DEGREES**

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ITEM II.

SenD#6060

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: 21 March 2008

To: Eamonn Callan, Chair
XL Senate of the Academic Council

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies

Re: Recommendation to Authorize Joint Degree Programs Associated with the Interdisciplinary Program in Public Policy (MPP)

The original proposals for these joint degree programs had been discussed at two C-GS meetings in November 2006. The Master in Public Policy (MPP) and Master of Arts in Public Policy (MAPP) degree programs had to be created and approved by the Faculty Senate before any joint degree proposal could go forward. This occurred on February 8, 2007 (SenD#5911), making the new degree programs effective as of September 1, 2007. It should be noted that the approval stipulated that the MPP and MAPP degrees could only be earned by students already enrolled in another Stanford graduate degree program (either dual degree or joint degree programs).

At that same November 15, 2006 meeting, C-GS also approved, pending Senate approval of the MAPP and MPP, the creation of joint degree programs as proposed by the IDP in Public Policy. These consisted of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and:

- * the JD degree in the School of Law;
- * the MBA degree in the Graduate School of Business;
- * the PhD in Education;
- * the PhD in Economics;
- * the PhD in Psychology;
- * the PhD in Sociology;
- * the MA in International Policy Studies.

To this initial grouping was added the proposal for a joint degree program with the Department of Management Science and Engineering for the PhD degree. This came to C-GS on March 6, 2008, and received Committee approval. Descriptions of all proposed joint degree programs are attached.

According to established University policy in place last year, C-GS would have sent its recommendation for approval of these programs to the Vice Provost of Graduate Education following Senate approval of the MPP degree program. The recommendation would have been (for each of the JDPs proposed) a three-year initial time period to run concurrently with the period for which the MPP was authorized by the Senate.

However, by the time the Senate approved the two Public Policy Master's Degree programs, the Vice Provost for Graduate Education had declined to approve any further JDPs and asked C-GS to send future

proposals to the Faculty Senate. Subsequently, the Senate Steering Committee agreed with this policy and the Senate has, since then, accepted and approved a number of JDP proposals.

There was further delay while the Committee on Graduate Studies spent time on developing an overarching policy for joint degree programs, which it has finally refined and is bringing separately to the Senate. As the time required for this effort extended, C-GS decided that it should bring forward the proposals in this recommendation without waiting for final language on future joint degree programs.

In the intervening months, the Schools of Engineering and Humanities & Sciences also reviewed a proposal from the IDP in Public Policy for a joint degree program with the Department of Management Science and Engineering. The combinations were to be the MPP (Public Policy) and MS in Management Science and Engineering, and the MPP with the PhD in MS&E. It was brought to the attention of C-GS on March 6, 2008, at which time the Committee on Graduate Studies voted to approve the MPP/PhD joint degree program. C-GS will take up the MPP/MS proposal as it continues its work on joint degree programs that involve two master's degrees.

The Committee on Graduate Studies therefore recommends the approval of the joint degree programs consisting of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and (respectively) the JD degree in the School of Law; the MBA degree in the Graduate School of Business; the PhD in Education; the PhD in Economics; the PhD in Psychology; the PhD in Sociology; the MA in International Policy Studies; and the PhD in Management Science and Engineering. As with all previous joint degree program recommendations, the C-GS recommendation is for an initial period of three years, which would now be September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2011.



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March 22, 2008

To: Committee on Graduate Studies

From: Richard Saller, Dean, School of Humanities and Sciences *Richard*
Susan Stephens, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate and Undergraduate Studies *SS*

Subject: Proposal for Joint Degree Programs between Public Policy and Management Science and Engineering.

As an addendum to our letter of October 23, 2006 on joint degree programs designed in tandem with the Masters in Public Policy, the Deans of Humanities & Sciences are pleased to forward two more proposals for your consideration:

These are:

- (1) A PhD in Management Science and Engineering and a Masters in Public Policy
- (2) A Masters of Science in Management Science and Engineering and a Masters in Public Policy

These have been approved by the relevant curriculum committees of the School.