

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: 1 October 2008

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

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies

Re: Recommendation to Add a Category of Joint Degree Programs to the Administrative Approval Process

Last year the Faculty Senate, on recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies, approved SenD#6070, which simplified the approval process for certain joint degree programs (hereafter “JDPs”). It affirmed that “joint degree programs consisting of the JD/MA, the JD/MS, the JD/MPP, or the PhD/MPP degree programs, and which allow up to 45 quarter units to be double-counted toward residency requirements, upon approval by the cognizant departments or programs and Schools, do not require approval by C-GS or the Faculty Senate.”

As noted in that document, C-GS continued its discussion on improving the policies and procedures for JDPs, and, at a later meeting in Spring Quarter, agreed to recommend that JDPs consisting of two Master’s degree programs be added to the previously approved combinations that were now allowed to follow the administrative approval path through the Office of the University Registrar and the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education.

C-GS will continue to review JDP proposals that differ from these template combinations and bring them to the Faculty Senate for final approval, although it does not anticipate a large influx of such proposals in future.

The Committee on Graduate Studies therefore recommends that joint degree programs consisting of an MA or MS with an MPP degree program, and allowing up to 45 quarter units to overlap toward residency requirements so the total program can be completed within 90 units, upon approval by the cognizant departments or programs and Schools, do not require approval by C-GS or the Faculty Senate. These JDP programs can be approved by the Office of the University Registrar and the Office of the vice Provost for Graduate Education. This policy will be effective upon Senate approval.

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**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
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Date: 26 March 2008

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

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies

Re: Recommendation for Administrative Approval Process for Certain Joint Degree Programs

The Committee on Graduate Studies has been reviewing proposals for Joint Degree Programs (hereafter “JDPs”) for much of the last three years. As the number of proposed JDPs increased, C-GS realized the need to properly define JDPs as well as policies that would include application processes, timing of applications, permissible numbers of overlapping units (depending on the degree programs involved), and pathways for approval of the programs.

C-GS is continuing its discussions on the policies for applications, overlapping units, and review processes for JDPs, but the committee seized the opportunity to capitalize on the extensive discussions it has had about a class of JDPs that are built on a common template. We propose that certain JDPs could be approved on an administrative basis by the Registrar’s Office and the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, without prior review by C-GS or approval by the Senate. Those JDPs that consist of the JD and MA, MS, or MPP degrees, or the MPP and PhD degrees; which allow up to 45 quarter units that can be double-counted toward the residency requirements; and which have been approved by the cognizant departments or programs and Schools, would fall into this category.

This proposal applies the kind of administrative approval to graduate programs that is in place for undergraduates who declare double majors or secondary majors which already exist. It will also simplify the pathway that departments and schools will follow as JDPs are put forward under this umbrella, so that more students can take advantage of new interdisciplinary opportunities. It will also allow C-GS to concentrate on those individual proposals that differ from the basic template described above.

The Committee on Graduate Studies therefore recommends that joint degree programs consisting of the JD/MA, the JD/MS, the JD/MPP, or the PhD/MPP degree programs, and which allow up to 45 quarter units to be double-counted toward residency requirements, upon approval by the cognizant departments or programs and Schools, do not require approval by C-GS or the Faculty Senate.