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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

A Proposal for a Transportation Concentration in the Masters of Public Administration Program

1 Name of Institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Administrative Unit

Department of Political Science
College of Arts & Sciences
Graduate School

3. Intended Date of Organizational Change

September, 2005

4. Intended Location of Program

College of Arts & Sciences, Kingston Campus
Feinstein College of Continuing Education, Providence

5. Description of Institutional Review and Approval Process

Approval Date

Department of Political Science
College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate Council
Faculty Senate
President of the University

M.M. 5/2 W. L. King
W. L. King 5/11/05

6. Summary Description of Proposed Organizational Change

See attached description – Addendum I

7. Signature of the President

Robert L. Carothers

8. Person to Contact During the Review

Maureen Moakley, Chair
Department of Political Science, University of Rhode Island
Kingston, Rhode Island 02881
874-4055 moakley@uri.edu

9. Signed Agreements for any Cooperative Arrangements made with other Institutions/Agencies/Private Companies in Support of the Program.

See attached letter

Transportation Policy Concentration in the Masters of Public Administration Program.

The Department of Political Science requests a program change in order to offer a Transportation Policy Concentration as part of the Masters of Public Administration degree.

The Masters of Public Administration degree was established jointly with Rhode Island College in 1991. The program is under the direction of the Dean of the College of Arts and Science of the University of Rhode Island and URI grants the degree. Two faculty from the URI Political Science Department teach courses in the program as part of their regular teaching load and faculty from RIC and a few adjuncts teach on a per course basis. Most courses are given at the Feinstein College of Continuing Education in Providence. These courses are scheduled in late afternoon/ early evening to accommodate part time students, many of whom work in the public sector. We also have a small cadre of full time students, either from the MA program in Political Science or full time MPA students who avail themselves of the opportunity to take these courses.

The program has become a highly successful degree program insofar as it is the second most popular graduate program in the College of Arts and Science with an ongoing enrollment of between 60 and 70 students. Moreover, after ten years, significant numbers of graduates are public administrators in state, city and local government in Rhode Island.

We are requesting a program modification – to include a concentration in Transportation Policy for a number of reasons. First, given the overall desirability of a degree in Public Administration, two private institutions in the state have initiated new MPA programs. Brown University will, in fall 2005, be accepting students for a newly initiated Masters in Public Administration/Masters in Public Policy program. Roger Williams University has also launched a small Masters in Public Administration program. Increasingly, graduate public policy expertise is in demand among MPA students.

These changes and challenges have provided an opportunity for us at URI to enhance our existing offerings. The URI Transportation Center is interested in addressing the needs of workforce development for an emerging group of professionals from the state, local, and federal Departments of Transportation, airports, transit agencies and public works departments. The Center also wants to respond to other public sector employees and state and local planners who want to pursue graduate work in public administration but are looking for graduate course work in transportation issues. The Transportation Center has set up a funding stream with Political Science to offer course scholarships for up to five students a semester who are interested in transportation expertise. In addition, the Transportation Center has also agreed to fund two or three additional courses, on an adjunct basis, to expand our course offerings as the program develops.

At this time we are asking approval for a program change to a Transportation concentration using existing course offerings. Candidates for this degree will take 7 core courses from the existing Public Administration curriculum and 5 other courses from a list of existing course offerings drawn from the College of Engineering, the College of Business Administration and one elective from the College of Environment and Life Sciences. (See enclosed spreadsheet.) We have asked and received permission from the individual faculty to offer their courses as part of the program and have enclosed a signed approval from the Deans of the respective colleges.

The only significant change in location would be that most of the transportation courses would be offered at the Kingston campus - most in the late afternoon/early evening.

We have also included a letter of approval from Dr. Richard Horn, the Director of the Transportation Center, who has agreed to fund the scholarship program and new courses on an adjunct basis as the program develops. We would seek the standard approval through the colleges and graduate school for any new courses we might propose in the future.

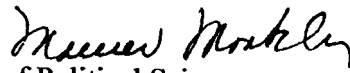
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisite / Restrictions	Last Offered	Professor	MPA/Transportation Concentration
REQUIREMENT						
MGT 431	Urban and Rural Transportation	3	CVE 410 or CVE 501 or permission of instructor	Spring 2005	Talia McCray	[R]
APPROVED CORE TRANSPORTATION COURSES (SELECT 2 OR PROF. APPROVED)						
CPL 410	Fundamentals of Community Planning Practice	3	Graduate level Community Planning majors are restricted from enrolling	Spring 2005	Farhad Alash	[AC]
CPL 538	Site Planning	3		Fall 2003	Farhad Alash	[AC]
CVE 442	Traffic Engineering	3	CVE 347 or permission of instructor	Fall 2004	Natecha Thomas and staff	[AC]
CVE 443	Intelligent Transportation Systems	3	CVE 346 or permission of instructor	Spring 2005	Chris Hunter	[AC]
CVE 562	Management of Highway Bridges	3	Permission of instructor	Fall 2003	George Tsiatas	[AC]
CVE 641	Pavement Evaluation and Rehabilitation	3	CVE 545 or equivalent	Spring 2004	Kang-Won Wayne Lee	[AC]
MGT 5XX	Transportation Policy Management and Strategy	3		TBA	TBA	[AC]
APPROVED TOOL TRANSPORTATION COURSES (SELECT 2 OR PROF. APPROVED)						
BAC 500	Computing for Management	3-Jan		Spring 2005	Yajiong Xue	[AT]
MBA 500	Statistical Methods for Management	3	BAC 520 or permission of instructor for MPA.	Fall 2004	Jeffery E. Jarrett	[AT]
NRS 410.509.522	GIS Courses (Pick one)	3	Past or simultaneous enrollment in 409 or 509.	Fall 2004	Peter August	[AT]
MPA 5XX	GIS-T (for Transportation)			TBA	TBA	[AT]
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1 [R] = Requirement
 2 [AC] = Approved Core
 2 [AT] = Approved Tool



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
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Phone: 401-874-2183

TO: Dean Jeffrey Seemann
College of Environment & Life Sciences

FROM: Maureen Moakley 
Chair, Department of Political Science

DATE: April 14, 2005


RE: Transportation Policy Concentration in the Master's of Public Administration Program

We are in the process of requesting from the Faculty Senate and Board of Governors a "Change of Program" for our Masters of Public Administration to include a concentration in Transportation Policy.

As the enclosed spreadsheet indicates, we have included a number of courses from across the curriculum as options for students to create this concentration. We have received permission from the individual instructors to include these courses and would appreciate your overall approval for listing the courses from your college.

If you have any further questions or comments, please call me at 4-4055. If you would sign this form and return it to me at your earliest convenience, I would be most grateful. Thank you for your consideration.

I agree to have the following courses (NRS 410, 509, 522) listed as options for graduate students pursuing a concentration in Transportation Policy as part of the Master of Public Administration Program in the College of Arts & Sciences. Students may be admitted to these classes with the approval of the individual instructor.


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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
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Dean Edward Mazze
College of Business Administration

FROM Maureen Moakley *Maureen Moakley*
Chair, Department of Political Science

DATE: April 14, 2005

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I agree to have the following courses (MGT 431, MGT 639, BAC 500, MBA 500) listed as options for graduate students pursuing a concentration in Transportation Policy as part of the Master of Public Administration Program in the College of Arts & Sciences. Students may be admitted to these classes with the approval of the individual instructor.

Edward Mazze

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MEMORANDUM

Graduate Council

FROM: Winifred Brownell, Dean

April 14, 2005

SUBJECT: Transportation Concentration

I approve the Proposal for a Transportation Concentration in the Masters of Public Administration Program.

Winifred Brownell, Dean
College of Arts & Sciences



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**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

Carlotti Administration Building
75 Lower College Road
Kingston, Rhode Island 02881

April 14, 2005

Dr. Maureen Moakley
Chair, Department of Political Science
205 Washburn Hall
Kingston RI 02881

Dear Dr. Moakley;

I am pleased to confirm the support of the University of Rhode Island Transportation Center to the development and deployment of the proposed Transportation Policy concentration in the Masters of Public Administration program. The introduction of this degree concentration is extremely well timed. The provision of transportation services by the public sector is now shifting from a focus on building new infrastructure to the management of existing systems. This is creating a demand for new professionals who have policy, management, and technical skills and sophistication. Your proposed program will help create the new transportation professionals needed in this changing environment.

We recognize that new programs may need financial support in order to become established in the market. We have already provided funding for scholarships to enable students in the transportation industries to enroll in MPA courses. We will continue this support and provide funding for student recruitment.

Additionally, the University of Rhode Island Transportation Center will support the development of new courses in Transportation Policy and in Geographic Information Systems for Transportation. We can also fund adjunct positions to teach these courses in the initial years.

The proposed Transportation Policy concentration will be an important addition to the University's offerings in transportation. The Transportation Center stands ready to work with you in identifying other opportunities to assure the success of the program through research programs, internships or other educational offering.

Thank you for recognizing the need for a transportation policy concentration and making it possible for the University to meet that need.

Sincerely,


Richard Horn
Executive Director



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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April 15, 2005

Maureen F. Moakley, Ph.D.
PROFESSOR/DEPT CHAIR
POLITICAL SCIENCE
205 WASHBURN HALL
KINGSTON RI 02881

Dear Dr. Moakley:

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I received the curriculum outline for the Proposed Masters of Public Administration in Transportation Policy. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation strongly supports this initiative and we are looking forward to offering our assistance towards the success of this program. This is an area of Professional Development that is now lacking in the Southern New England area and we believe that the jointly administered program from the University of Rhode Island (URI) and Rhode Island College (RIC) not only would fulfill a much needed service but it would also be a resounding success.

As the complexity of delivering a project from design to construction has increased over the years, it has become necessary for staff at both RIDOT and private consultants to be well versed in project management and transportation policies. Our aspirations are for an educational program that can bridge the gap and help transition our professional engineering staff to their new roles as administrators and managers. It is no longer enough for someone to be well versed in the engineering field, but it is of paramount importance that they also possess a solid background in the areas of project management and transportation policy.

We believe that the concentration of transportation professionals in the Providence area will find this program very appealing in furthering their career goals.

We are very pleased to see that a transportation management and policy curriculum is being established as a result of the hard work of the faculty and staff members at URI, RIC and the URI Transportation Center, and we are looking forward to the success of the program. If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Kydd".

Phillip Kydd
Assistant Director

cc: Messrs., Capaldi, Kydd, Alves, Parker, Pysz, Xenophontos; Ms. Garliuskas; Dr. Horn; File

LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT
PROGRAM CHANGE

LIBRARIANS' ASSESSMENT

Program: Master of Public Administration in Transportation Policy

Department, College: College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Member: Dr. Maureen Moakley, Chair of Political Science Dept.

Date returned to Faculty: 25 April 2005

Librarian Completing Assessment: *michael vocino NN*

Assessment

The request is not a full program proposal but rather a change in the MPA Program to include a Transportation Policy concentration.

The changes for a new concentration are based on existing courses across the curriculum of the current MPA program, and existing courses in the Colleges of Engineering, Business Administration, and Environment and Life Sciences. The library currently supports all the courses proposed to be included in the Transportation Concentration.

We currently hold a respectable collection in transportation as a result of large grants which created the URI Transportation Center. The library has focused on transportation as an important area of study and research for the University and any new materials which might be required to service transportation policy information will be collected using the MPA portion of the PSC library materials budget. Our serials collection is adequate for this program change especially in light of transportation's coverage in the numerous aggregated serial databases the libraries lease.

The library supports this program change based on projected library needs.