

12-13-2013 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of December 13, 2013
Approved by the Council on March 11, 2014

In attendance: J. Bartow (staff), F. Bolton (staff), S. Chittur, S. Hogan, D. Levy,
A. Rorissa, R. Toseland (Chair), K. Williams, M. Wolfe,
A. Zemel

Guests: Dean David Rousseau, Rockefeller College
Prof. Rey Koslowski, Rockefeller College

(There were no Dean's or Chair's Reports)

1. Consideration of a Proposal to Establish a Master's Degree in International Affairs (M.I.A.)

Prof. Koslowski of Rockefeller College introduced the Proposal that had previously been distributed to Council members. The concept (Letter of Intent) for this proposal was previously approved by UPPC, once in 2009 and again after funding commitment through NYSUNY2020, in 2012. The program will be 48 credits, per the curricular details provided.

Prof. Levy noted his impression that the program is ambitious, yet very good and well researched. Prof. Hogan noting attention to the importance of demand & market for the program commented that he found the proposal exciting and timely.

Dean Rousseau noted that there will be some crossover with the existing MPA curriculum and that the delivery flexibility to NYC will significantly impact on interest in the program by prospective students.

Prof. Rorissa noting the strength of the proposal suggested it might only be improved with some sort of foreign language immersion component. Prof. Koslowski indicated that students will be strongly advised to strengthen foreign language skills, but they had stopped short of writing such into the curriculum.

Prof. Toseland drew attention to the potential relevance of existing graduate courses in other UA schools and colleges to this program. Dean Rousseau noted interest in such grad courses that are "international," but not so much in those that are "comparative."

Dean Rousseau noted the potential for future interest/demand in development of BA/MIA combined program(s) with some existing UA undergraduate majors. Such will be addressed after the MIA program is up and running.

Prof. Levy noted favorably that the proposal calls for flexibility of future evolution to include an openness to program/curricular revision.

Prof. Chittur, in conversation with Profs. Koslowski and Hogan, indicated his strong appreciation of the role adjunct "practitioner" faculty to this program – especially good

since it is to be a professional master's degree. Such inclusion is envisioned as opening "real life" employment doors to graduates.

Council member (not in attendance) C. Preble's written support for the proposal prior to Council discussion was noted, although not counted in voting. The GAC unanimously voted to approve the Proposal by a vote of 8-0-0.

Future Meetings: To be scheduled in Spring 2014.

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