TO: Don Betz, Chancellor
116 North Hall
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

FROM: Wes Chapin, Chair
Faculty Senate
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2006-2007/90

At the April 11, 2007 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2006-2007/90 was made, seconded, and passed. This motion is forwarded for your action:

A motion from APP to approve a program change in the Department of Political Science. (see attached)

Motion 2006-2007/90 passed on April 11, 2007. This motion will take effect immediately.

Approved

Disapproved

Don Betz, Chancellor

5/8/07 Date
TRANSMITTAL for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Changes or Proposals

I. INFORMATION:
   A. Check all that apply: New Program □ Existing Program X
      Name Change □ Credits Change □ Substantial Major / Minor Content Change □ Emphasis/Option Change □
   B. Program Title: Political Science Major and Minor
   C. Department(s) (Originating): Political Science
   D. College(s) (Originating): Arts and Sciences
   E. Other Programs / Departments Consulted (Requires letters of support from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):
      1)  
      2)  
      3)  
      4)  
   F. Date of Implementation: Fall Semester 2007 Year
   G. Have all courses in this program been approved? Yes X No □ If “No”, which ones?
   H. Attach Request Narrative

II. UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Department Chairs and Deans whose programs will be substantially affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and Colleges (noted in “E” above), are on the back of this form. These signatures should be obtained prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

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*NOTE: The master copy of this transmittal & accompanying documents must be filed in the Provost’s office upon final approval. The Provost’s office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Registrar, Dean(s), & Department Chair(s)] of approvals & necessary actions to implement changes.*
February 27, 2007

To: Terry Brown, CAS Dean
From: Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, Chair Political Science
Re: Political Science Program Changes

The Political Science Department would like to institute the following minor changes in our program.

1) Remove POLS 320 as one of the options for the Political Behavior component of the major and minor. This course is offered by Journalism and cross listed in Political Science. As part of our assessment process, we examined the syllabus for the course and concluded that it does not contain enough emphasis on political behavior to justify it as an option in this category. The course will remain as a general elective option.

2) As part of our assessment process, we have concluded that our students need a better grasp of statistics than they are currently getting. Consequently, we are adding a required supporting course as part of the major. (At present we do not have any required supporting courses.) We have identified statistics courses offered across the University that could fill this gap. Since some of these are approved courses in General Education and Liberal Arts, students could fulfill both requirements with one course. If other courses were used in Gen Ed or LA, a student would have to take one of these courses as a “general elective.”

The new requirement would read that Political Science Majors must take one of the following as a required supporting course: PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics; SOCI 250 Introduction to Social Statistics; ECON 226 Introduction to Statistics; MATH 216 Elementary Statistical Concepts; MATH 226 Fundamentals of Statistics.
Political Science Major

Political Science Major: 36 Total Credits

Required Courses: 9 cr. hrs.
POLS 114 American National, State and Local Government 3 cr.
POLS 200 Political Analysis 3 cr.
POLS 480 Seminar in Political Science (writing intensive) 3 cr.

Directed Electives: 15 cr. hrs.
Select one course in each of the following five fields.
1. American Politics 3 cr. hrs.
Political Processes
POLS 225 Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 256 Public Policymaking

Political Institutions
POLS 311 American Political Parties and Elections
POLS 326 The American Presidency: The Office and its Powers
POLS 327 Congressional Politics

State/Local Government
POLS 253 State and Local Politics
POLS 322 Politics of American Cities

2. International Relations 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 260 Introduction to International Relations

3. Comparative Politics 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 245 Introduction to Comparative Politics

4. Political Philosophy 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 230 Contemporary Political Ideologies
POLS 308 Western Political Thought: The Renaissance through Marx
POLS 309 Western Political Thought: Nietzsche to the Present
POLS 310 History of American Political Thought

5. Political Behavior 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 212 The Politics of Equality and Inequality in the United States
POLS 314 Women and Politics

*POLS 320 Journalism and Public Opinion
POLS 321 Political Participation

Electives: 12 cr. hrs.
Any POLS course, excluding courses taken to fulfill required or directed electives.

Restrictions: Students may apply a maximum of 6 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the major. Students majoring in Political Science must take a minimum of 15 out of the total 36 credits for the major in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.
Political Science Minor

Political Science Minor 24 Total Credits
Required Courses: 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 114 American National, State and Local Government 3

Directed Electives: 12 cr. hrs.
Select one course from four of the following five fields:

1. American Politics 3 cr. hrs

Political Processes
POLS 225 Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 256 Public Policymaking

Political Institutions
POLS 311 American Political Parties and Elections
POLS 326 The American Presidency: The Office and its Powers
POLS 327 Congressional Politics

State/Local Government
POLS 253 State and Local Politics
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2. International Relations 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 260 Introduction to International Relations

3. Comparative Politics 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 245 Introduction to Comparative Politics

4. Political Philosophy 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 230 Contemporary Political Ideologies
POLS 308 Western Political Thought: The Renaissance through Marx
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5. Political Behavior 3 cr. hrs.
POLS 212 The Politics of Equality and Inequality
POLS 314 Women and Politics

Electives: 9 cr. hrs.
Any POLS course, excluding any courses taken to fulfill required or directed electives

Restrictions: Students may apply a maximum of 3 credits of POLS 379 Internship in Political Science toward the elective section of the minor. Students minoring in Political Science must take a minimum of 9 out of the total 24 credits for the minor in courses numbered at the 300 level or above, excluding credits taken for POLS 379 Internship in Political Science.