

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Curriculum Proposal Form #2
Change in Degree, Major, or Submajor

Effective Term: 2077 (Fall 2007)

Type of Action: Deletion of Major

Degree: MPA

Program Title: Cooperative Masters Degree Program in Public Administration

GPA Requirement for the Major/Submajor:

Sponsor(s): Susan Johnson

Department(s): Political Science

College(s): Letters and Sciences

Consultation took place: NA Yes (list departments and attach consultation sheet)

Departments:

Proposal Information:

(Procedures can be found at <http://acadaff.uww.edu/Handbook/Procedures-Form2.htm>)

Total number of credit units in program:

Before change

After change

1. Exact description of request:

Delete the Cooperative Masters Degree Program in Public Administration with UW-Oshkosh

2. Relationship to mission and strategic plan of institution, and/or college and department goals and objectives:

NA

3. Rationale:

Please see attached correspondences between Dr. Karen King, Coordinator UW Oshkosh MPA program and John Stone.

4. Cost Implications:

NA



July 14, 2006

Dr. Susan Johnson Chair
Political Science Department
UW Whitewater – S201
800 W. Main St.
Whitewater, WI 53190

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am requesting that the *Agreement between the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin Whitewater for Cooperative Programming for the Master of Public Service Administration Degree* (attached), dated 1981, be declared null and void for several reasons: (1) the parties who signed and implemented the agreement are no longer active in either institution, (2) the MPA Program (including the name of the degree) at UWO has changed significantly in the past quarter century, and (3) there are no MPA students currently taking coursework under this agreement.

The differences between what this agreement offers and what is actually happening at this time are minor, but significant enough to confuse prospective and current students. With pre-approval, students in our MPA Program may still transfer 12 hours of elective credit from UW Whitewater. The only real difference is that because the faculty members who designed this agreement have retired, students who chose to take the field project option (3 credit hours) as the culminating experience in the program, must do so with an Oshkosh public administration faculty member rather than someone at UW Whitewater.

Students from the Whitewater area who apply for the MPA degree at UW Oshkosh perform well and add much to our classes. It is clear to us, however, that they interpret “cooperative” in a larger context than we are able to provide. Thus, I am requesting that the reference to the cooperative agreement be removed from the UW Whitewater website and from all printed materials.

If you have any questions about this request, contact me at 920-424-7306 or via e-mail at kingk@uwosh.edu.

Sincerely,

Karen King, Coordinator
Master of Public Administration Program

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6 September 2006

Dr. Karen King, Coordinator
Masters of Public Administration Program
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Dear Dr. King:

Dr. Susan Johnson, Chair of our Political Science Department, has forwarded to Provost Richard Telfer and me a copy of your 14 July 2006 letter requesting nullification of the 1981 agreement between UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater that provides for a Cooperative Master's Degree Program in Public Service Administration.

I've reviewed the letter, checked the enrollment history in the program with our Registrar, and discussed the proposal with Provost Telfer. Our Registrar's Office reports, until Faye Ann Skelton applied on 5 October 2005, that they have no record of a UW-W graduate student ever participating in the program. As such, we are prepared to end the agreement with one proviso: Ms. Skelton be allowed to complete the program under the terms of the original agreement. She applied and was admitted in good faith and is currently enrolled in coursework for the current term.

Upon your agreement to allow Ms. Skelton to complete the program under the original terms of the agreement, we will proceed with removing all references to the cooperative program in all websites and printed materials.

If you have questions or problems with our counter-request, please contact me at 262.472.1006, or stonej@uww.edu.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Stone'.

John Stone
Interim Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education

c. Susan Johnson, Chair, Political Science Department
Richard Telfer, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Gregory Wypiszynski, Director, UW-Oshkosh Graduate Admissions and Records

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John Stone, Interim Dean
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September 8, 2006

Dear Dr. Stone:

Thank you for agreeing to end the 1981 agreement between our two institutions for a Cooperative Masters Degree Program in Public Administration. It clearly was not addressing the needs and interests of the students it was designed to attract. Removing references to it in your written materials and on your website will eliminate any confusion students may experience. We'll do the same on our end.

I want to assure you that Faye Skelton, and any other qualified student who wants to submit coursework from UW-Whitewater for consideration for elective credit in our program, can do so. This arrangement has been in place for several decades. The only part of the original agreement we cannot honor is 3 hours credit for a supervised field project because there is no longer a faculty member at your institution who can do this.

If you have any questions, I can be reached on weekdays at 920/424-7306 or via email at kingk@uwosh.edu.

Sincerely,

Karen N. King
Associate Professor and MPA Coordinator

c.c. Greg Wypiszynski, UW-Oshkosh Director of Graduate Studies

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