Faculty Senate Meeting April 17, 2014



Program	Proposal
For	m B

Attachment: FS 13/14-106

Academic Group (College): SSIS	Date of Submission to College Dean:10-24-20 AFFAIRS	
Academic Organization (Department): Government	Requested Effective: Fall, Spring, 2014	
Department Chair: Buzz Fozouni	Contact if not Department Chair:	
Title of the Program (Please be specific; indicate minor, undergraduate or graduate degree, etc.):International Affairs (Graduate Program)		
Type of Program Proposal:		
Modification in Existing Program:		
Substantive Change		
Non-Substantive Change		
X Deletion of Existing Program		
New Programs		
Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan		
New Degree Programs		
Regular Process		
Fast Track Process		
Pilot Process		
New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis		
New Certificate Program		
PLEASE NOTE:		
Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at: http://www.csus.edu/acaf/academic resources/policies and procedures/Course and Program Proposals/ApprovalProcess.html		

Program discontinuation proposal and justification:

Beginning fall 2010, due to budget cuts, with the approval of the SSIS Dean, the International Affairs (IA) program stopped admitting new students. In spring 2011, at the request of the Dean, Government Professor, David Andersen-Rodgers, the IA Graduate Coordinator was tasked to study the feasibility of reviving the IA program under different programmatic settings. His report, which was submitted to the Dean, concluded that, given the budgetary situation at CSUS, maintaining a viable IA program at CSUS at present and in the foreseeable future would not be feasible. The Dean asked Professor Andersen-Rodgers to remain as the IA Coordinator and begin an orderly termination of the program. All IA students were informed that the IA program would be terminated once all existing students have completed their degree requirements.

Programmatic or fiscal impact discontinuation of the program will have on other academic units' programs; consultation that has occurred with affected units:

The most important programmatic impact is the department's inability to meet a persistent robust demand (10-15 graduate admissions per year) for the IA program. At best, the demand is only partially met by the international relations course offerings in the current Government Master's Program.

Discontinuation of the IA program has had no tangible adverse fiscal impact.

Provisions to ensure currently enrolled students have a reasonable opportunity to complete the program:

Thanks to Professor Andersen-Rodgers's devotion and exceptional work, the transition from an active to a shutdown mode was implemented very smoothly. All existing students were encouraged to complete the program expeditiously, as the department continued offering both core and elective courses needed to meet the needs of the continuing IA students. All continuing students who met the degree requirements have graduated. Presently there are only two remaining students, both of whom have completed all their coursework and are eligible to take the comprehensive exam to complete their degree.

What resources will be freed up or shifted to other programs as the result of the program discontinuation.

Discontinuation of the program has relieved the Government Department from offering IA 220, *International Organization*, and IA 230, *Globalization and International Relations*, both core courses, and the Economics Department from offering IA 216, *Foundations of International Economic Affairs*, also a core course. Finally, termination of the IA program would release the current IA Coordinator, Professor Andersen-Rodgers, from responsibility for the program and enables him to devote more time to the Government MA program, his undergraduate courses, his duties as Coordinator of the Peace and Conflict Resolution Minor, and his scholarly activities.

Approvals:	
Department Chair:	Date: 10/24/3
College Dean: Thamp House	Date: 12/2/13
University Committee: Kace Chalmers	Date: 3/14/14
Assoc Dean for Undergraduate Studies or Dean for Graduate Studies:	Date: 3 20/14