

**FORM B**

Attachment A  
Faculty Senate Agenda  
February 3, 2005

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO  
PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Academic Unit: <b>Public Policy and Administration</b>	Date of Submission to School Dean: <b>October 5, 2004</b>
Requested Effective: Fall __, Spring <b>X</b> , 2005.	
Name of Contact Person, if not Department Chair: <b>Rob Wassmer, Acting Department Chair</b>	
Title of the Program: <b>Public Policy and Administration</b>	
Type of Program Proposal:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification in Existing Program:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Substantive Change</b> ___ <b>Non-Substantive Change</b> ___ <b>Deletion of Existing Program</b>  ___ <b>New Programs</b> ___ <b>Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan</b> ___ <b>New Degree Programs</b> ___ <b>Regular Process</b> ___ <b>Fast Track Process</b> ___ <b>Pilot Process</b> ___ <b>New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis</b> ___ <b>New Certificate Program</b>	
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.	
Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification. <b>PROGRAM TITLE:</b> Master of Public Policy and Administration <b>CHANGE REQUESTED:</b> Decrease the course work units from 36-42 to 36-39 by changing the Culminating Experience requirement from 3-6 units to 3 units.  <b>From: PPA 500. Culminating Experience.</b> Completion of a thesis or project approved for the Master's degree. <b>Prerequisite:</b> Advanced to candidacy and permission of the graduate coordinator. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3-6 units.  <b>To: PPA 500. Culminating Experience.</b> Completion of a thesis or project approved for the Master's degree. <b>Prerequisite:</b> Advanced to candidacy and permission of the graduate coordinator. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.  <b>JUSTIFICATION:</b> In the past our thesis preparation course was explicitly structured as usually requiring two semesters to complete. In each semester the Master's student would take one three credit course for a usual total of six credits in PPA 500. The only exception was the rare case when a student finished their thesis after one semester in PPA 500 and only had to take three credits. Hence the previous unit requirement listed was 3 – 6 units. We have now moved to a more accelerated method in PPA 500 where we expect students to finish the thesis in one semester, necessitating only three credits in this course.	
Approvals:	
Department Chair: <u>Robert Wassmer</u>	Date: <u>10/5/04</u>
School Dean: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>Oct 27, 04</u>
University Committee: _____	Date: _____
Associate Vice President For Academic Affairs: <u>Linda Buckley</u>	Date: <u>12-15-04</u>