FORM B
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO
PROGRAM PROPOSAL

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Requested Effective: Fall __, Spring X __, 2005.

Name of Contact Person, if not Department Chair: Rob Wassmer, Acting Department Chair

Title of the Program: Public Policy and Administration

Type of Program Proposal:
- X Modification in Existing Program:
  - X Substantive Change
  - ___ Non-Substantive Change
  - ___ 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.

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

PROGRAM TITLE: Master of Public Policy and Administration

CHANGE REQUESTED: Decrease the course work units from 36-42 to 36-39 by changing the Culminating Experience requirement from 3-6 units to 3 units.

From: PPA 500. Culminating Experience. Completion of a thesis or project approved for the Master’s degree.
Prerequisite: Advanced to candidacy and permission of the graduate coordinator. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3-6 units.

To: PPA 500. Culminating Experience. Completion of a thesis or project approved for the Master’s degree.
Prerequisite: Advanced to candidacy and permission of the graduate coordinator. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.

JUSTIFICATION: 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 were we expect students to finish the thesis in one semester, necessitating only three credits in this course.

Approvals:
Department Chair: Robert Wassmer Date: 05/04
School Dean: Date: 05/27/04
University Committee: Date:
Associate Vice President For Academic Affairs: Linda Birchley Date: 12-15-04