
AGENDA ITEM 1 - 2 ARE INCLUDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs

A. College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

1) Integrated Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degree Program in Meteorology: New Program

The offering will enable the best academically prepared undergraduate students in the B.S. program to complete degree requirements for the M.S. degree with one year of additional academic work past the completion of the four-year B.S. degree program. Often students in the B.S. program engage in undergraduate research projects, which are sometimes published in refereed journals. This research can often be expanded into masters-level research. The creation of the offering will strengthen the M.S. degree program in Meteorology by providing for a wider participation by students in the undergraduate program. In addition, the program will benefit students by allowing them to achieve a higher level of education efficiently, by formally recognizing the more advanced studies that they have started, and by increasing their employment opportunities. The new program will be effective Spring 2007.

2. Information on Graduate Programs

A. Doctor of Education Degree in the Graduate Program in Agricultural and Extension Education in the College of Agricultural Sciences: Drop of Program

The proposal to drop the Doctor of Education degree in the graduate program in Agricultural and Extension Education in the College of Agricultural Sciences was approved by the Graduate Council at its November 15, 2006 meeting.

The drop is requested as a result of low enrollments in the D.Ed. program and is also a result of the Graduate School's 2004 program review. The D.Ed. program was designed to prepare senior public school officials with skills and knowledge needed to interpret and understand research, statistics, and program evaluation, skills thought to be essential for department heads, school principals, and superintendents. Although the D.Ed. served this purpose for many years, enrollments have been consistently low and it has become necessary to drop the degree. The drop of the D.Ed. program does not affect other departments or programs.

2. Information on Graduate Programs (Continued)

B. Integrated Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degree Program in Meteorology in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences: New Program

The proposal to offer an integrated undergraduate-graduate Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree program in Meteorology in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences was approved by the Graduate Council at its September 20, 2006 meeting.

The offering will enable the best academically prepared undergraduate students in the B.S. program to complete degree requirements for the M.S. degree with one year of additional academic work past the completion of the four-year B.S. degree program. Often students in the B.S. program engage in undergraduate research projects, which are sometimes published in refereed journals. This research can often be expanded into masters-level research. The creation of the offering will strengthen the M.S. degree program in Meteorology by providing for a wider participation by students in the undergraduate program. In addition, the program will benefit students by allowing them to achieve a higher level of education efficiently, by formally recognizing the more advanced studies that they have started, and by increasing their employment opportunities. The new program will be effective Spring 2007.

C. Graduate Program in Leisure Studies: Change of Name to the Graduate Program in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management in the College of Health and Human Development

The proposal to change the name of the graduate program in Leisure Studies to the graduate program in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management in the College of Health and Human Development was approved by the Graduate Council at its November 15, 2006 meeting.

The graduate program name change from Leisure Studies to Recreation, Park and Tourism Management is being requested as a result of the November 14, 2004 approval by the Board of Trustees to split the School of Hospitality Management and the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management. It is important that the graduate program have the same name as the department to clarify the focus of the program as the name "leisure studies" has created confusion. The program faculty has indicated it is important to have the graduate program name consistent with the department title.

AGENDA ITEMS 3 - 6 ARE INCLUDED FOR ACTION OR INFORMATION IN SERIATIM AT THE MEETING.

3. Proposal to Establish a School of International Affairs

It is proposed to establish a Penn State University School of International Affairs, the educational mission of which will be to equip students with the professional skills and knowledge necessary for leadership and service in an increasingly interconnected and multicultural world.

The degree initially offered by the School will be a professional Master's of International Affairs. Different emphases within the Master's of International Affairs degree will reflect different diplomatic, commercial, legal, managerial, educational, public health, and science policy specialties.

3. Proposal to Establish a School of International Affairs (Continued)

The School of International Affairs will be housed administratively within The Dickinson School of Law. The professional orientation of each school, their mutual emphasis on the practical application of knowledge for solving complex social problems, and the increasing internationalization of law practice and law school curriculums suggest significant administrative and substantive synergies and efficiencies between the two schools. These include overlapping admissions and career services efforts and joint faculty appointments and curricular initiatives. Further, the advanced digital audiovisual telecommunications capabilities of the Law School's new buildings will offer a School of International Affairs the ability to reach audiences and students throughout the world and to deliver to audiences and students within the School lectures and programs originating throughout the world.

The proposal prepared by a multidisciplinary faculty Strategic Planning Committee for a new School of International Affairs was approved by unanimous vote of the University Faculty Senate Council.

Will the Committee on Educational Policy recommend to the Board of Trustees adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the establishment of a School of International Affairs of
The Pennsylvania State University is approved effective July 1, 2007.

4. Informational Report on Graduate Education

Dr. Eva J. Pell, Senior Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, will present an informational report on graduate education at Penn State, including preparation of teaching assistants.

5. Informational Report on Penn State's Plan for Assessing Student Learning

Dr. Renata S. Engel, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Professor of Engineering Design and Engineering Science and Mechanics in the College of Engineering, and Ms. Louise E. Sandmeyer, Executive Director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Assessment, will discuss Penn State's strategies and efforts to assess students' learning. They will provide examples that span articulation and achievement of goals at the course, program, and institutional level.

6. Pending Legal Matters

An informational report will be presented on pending legal matters relating to policies normally considered by the Committee on Educational Policy.