Proposal to change "required electives" to "electives" in the EPS curriculum for the MPA degree

The College at Brockport, College Senate
COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE

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TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President
FROM: The College Senate: November 13, 2006
RE: I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
III. Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: Emphasis in Public Safety (EPS) Required Electives #12 06-07 GC

Signed: Jeffrey T. Lackbrook
(Dr. Jeffrey C. Lackbrook, 2006-07 College Senate President)
Date: 11/17/06

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TO: The College Senate President
OM: College President
RE:

d. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
   a. Accepted
      • Implementation Effective Date: Immediately
      *Date resolution will begin to be used by the College, i.e., spring, fall, when included in catalog, etc.
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/___
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II. III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI
   a. Received and acknowledged 11/27/06
   b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTED BY PRESIDENT’S OFFICE TO: Cabinet Members

DISTRIBUTE ALSO TO: Originator, Academic Advisement, Registrar (as appropriate)

Signed: (Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)
Date: 11/27/06
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We propose to change the terminology from “required electives” for three designated courses to “electives” for those courses for our emphasis in public safety, to be consistent with our terminology and requirements for the other emphases we offer.

Upon College Senate approval

First Submission | Updated on | Updated on | Updated on
October 16, 2006 | | | |

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Committee Chair | 10/18/06
Executive Committee | 11/6/06
Senate Floor | 11/13/06
College President | Other

*(ROUTING NUMBER IS A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY ACADEMIC YEAR AND COMMITTEE INITIALS)
Department of Public Administration

Proposal
Proposal for a minor revision in the curriculum of the emphasis in public safety management track for the MPA degree to make the curriculum in that emphasis consistent with the curricula for the other emphases in the MPA program.

Academic rationale
We are proposing a minor change for our MPA curriculum for our emphasis in public safety management. We want to change the terminology from “required electives” for three designated courses to “electives” for those courses for our emphasis in public safety, to be consistent with our terminology and requirements for the other emphases we offer.

Background
We have three approved emphases (tracks) in the MPA program: general, health care management, and public safety management. Students in each emphasis must complete either 42 credits (if inservice), or 45 credits (if preservice). All students, regardless of emphasis, must complete nine (3-credit) required courses, plus a six credit internship for preservice students), and the rest are electives.

Currently, the wording for the curriculum for our Emphasis in Public Safety states that the following three electives are required (emphasis added).

- EPS 600 Problem Solving for Public Safety Managers (3 cr.)
- EPS 602 Legal Aspects of Public Safety (3 cr.)
- EPS 604 Developing Sustainable Public/Private Partnerships (3 cr)

Proposed Change
It was not our intent to "require" electives for the Public Safety emphasis (or for any of our emphases). We would like to eliminate the term "required" for these three electives. (Students still must complete all the required courses in the core curriculum.) The elimination of the term “required” makes our required and elective courses for the Emphasis in Public Safety curriculum consistent with the other two emphases.

There is no change in the total number of hours required to complete the degree, nor any other change in degree requirements.
A comparison of the new program to the old program

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A discussion regarding “Mission”, “Market”, and “Quality”. Specifically address the following issues:

How does the proposal reflect the campus mission focus? No Change
What are the market demand factors that this proposal responds to? Include program competition from other regional colleges. No Change
How is program quality addressed in this proposal? No change

Description of the new courses. Not applicable

Staffing. No change
  Sufficiency of existing staff.
  Need for new staff.

Academic administration commentary. It is strongly recommended that the department consult with the Graduate Dean EARLY in the process.
  Letter of review/comment from the Graduate Dean
  Letter of review/comment from Dean of the School.
  Letter of review/comment from Department Chair.

Resources, facilities, and non-teaching staff needed to implement the program. Not applicable
  Statement of review and comment from Drake Library.
  Statement of review and comment from Academic Computing Services.
Letters of support from cooperating departments, agencies, institutions, etc., including a statement of probable/likely impact on departments. Not applicable