Program Change Request

Program Inactivation Proposal

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Viewing: BS-USGA-MPC*: University Studies - BS, Maritime Public Policy and Communication Concentration

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Catalog Pages Using this Program

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Explain how affected parties (students, faculty, staff) will be informed of the impending closure.

Say that the Department Head will inform the existing students in the program. The faculty were involved in the decision to close the program.

Explain how students will be helped to complete their programs of study with minimal disruption or additional expense.

A. Per the degree requirements, there are three (3) required courses in the core area of the program: POLS 232, POLS 340, and COMM 365 and twelve (12) hours of major support courses from a host of disciplines (COMM, PHIL, POLS, MARA, MAST)

B. The USGA MPC program currently has five (5) students enrolled and their status in the program is as follows:

- Student 1—completed required core classes in the program and she will graduate in May 2020
- Student 2—completed required core classes in the program and graduation is expected in May 2020
- Student 3—completed required core in the program and is expected to graduate in either December 2019 or May 2020 (pending minor areas of study)
- Student 4—has submitted form to change major to MAST
- Student 5—freshman currently enrolled in POLS 232 this fall

Student 5 will work closely with our departmental advisor, Ms. Paula Morris, myself, and Krista McBrien in the Seibel Learning Center (for the student’s first 30 hrs) and together we will provide the following course schedule:

-We will advise this student to enroll in COMM 365 that will be offered in Fall 2020 in its every other year rotation;

-We will advise this student to enroll in POLS 340 that will be offered in Spring 2021 (this course is now offered every other spring as it rotates with POLS 353—both classes support the required courses in MELP);

-Student 5 will be able to take the 12 hours of support courses over the course of the next two to three years as most of the support courses are either required or electives in our MAST and USGA MELP program and they are offered regularly to ensure our students complete their programs in a timely manner;

-We will advise on the required two minor areas of study;
This course of study will allow Student S to complete the program and graduate in May 2023 without disruption or additional expense.

Explain how faculty and staff will be redeployed or helped to find new employment.

Faculty teaching loads are not impacted by the closure of this program as the required core and support area classes are offered regularly to support other programs in the department. This change does not impact our departmental faculty advisor as Ms. Morris advises for all programs in the department.

How many students are currently enrolled in the program? 5

Projected graduation date for the last student(s) in the program? 05/2023

Upload teach-out agreements with other institutions. MPC teach out plan anonymized.docx

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Academic level | Undergraduate
Effective Term | 2020-2021 Galveston
Department | Liberal Studies
College | Galveston Campus
Program type | Degree w/Concentration
Degree designation | BS - Bachelor of Science
With a major in | University Studies - USGA (USGA)
Associated Program | Maritime Public Pol & Comm-USGA (MPC*)
Catalog Program Title | University Studies - BS, Maritime Public Policy and Communication Concentration
CIP and Fund code | 30999931

Rationale for Proposal
Program hours | 120
Is this program eligible for financial aid? | Yes
Program delivery mode | On-campus
Has program funding been finalized at the department or college level? | Yes
Will new costs for the first five years of the program be under $2 million? | Yes

Catalog Program Requirements
Additonal information

Required Proposal Forms

Reviewer Comments

Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214) (09/11/19 3:38 pm): Workflow has been adjusted to remove Provost and External Approval roles. The proposal is to inactive a concentration of an existing degree program.

Terra Bissett (t.bissett) (10/07/19 4:32 pm): UCC approved October 2019.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Patrick Louchouarn, EAVP for Academic Affairs and CAO TAMUG
FROM: Dr. JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz, Department Head, JDGL
RE: Teach out plan for USGA, concentration in Maritime Public Policy and Communication (MPC)
Date: August 26, 2019 [revised for student anonymity on September 6, 2019]

Adapted from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Closing a Program, Site, Branch or Institution, Good Practices.

1. Date of program closure
   a. Beginning Fall 2020, the University Studies degree with a concentration in Maritime Public Policy and Communication will be discontinued. The department is currently not accepting any new students into this concentration.

2. An explanation of how students will be helped to complete their program of study with minimal disruption or additional expense.
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   b. The USGA MPC program currently has five (5) students enrolled and their status in the program is as follows:
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3. Faculty and staff impact
   a. Faculty teaching loads are not impacted by the closure of this program as the required core and support area classes are offered regularly to support other programs in the department;
   b. This change does not impact our departmental faculty advisor as Ms. Morris advises for all programs in the department.

4. Additional information
   a. The decision to close the USGA MPC program comes on the recommendation of the external reviewers following our MAST Academic Program Review (APR) in September 2018. Additionally, this decision was supported by the MAST faculty in our review of the MAST program curriculum following the APR.