

Resolution 2015-16.E

Resolution to Approve New Major, International Public Policy, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: January 25, 2016

Second Reading: February 8, 2016

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to declare Major: Spring 2016

First Effective Date to Graduate: Spring 2018

WHEREAS, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Political Science have active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the area of international public policy; and

WHEREAS, students in the International Public Policy major will be prepared for pursuing a wide-range of careers both in the private and public sectors, such as national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and foreign service; and

WHEREAS, Global Development (GD), Environmental Affairs (ENVA), and Business (BUSN) have been options in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies for many years, and the Major in International Public Policy incorporates courses and foci of the GD, ENVA, and BUSN options; and

WHEREAS, the title International Public Policy is recognizable and understandable to high school and college students seeking a program related to international affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Major in International Public Policy will provide better visibility for the program and will provide support to the enrollment management of incoming freshmen and transfer students into the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, International Studies includes several disparate fields of inquiry leading to disparate career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a Major in International Public Policy will be more readily promoted to potential employers and make it easier for students to market themselves; and

WHEREAS, the name “International Public Policy” more clearly and accurately describes the principal focus of the proposed major than does the names “Global Development,” “Environmental Affairs,” and “Business” of the current options.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Major in International Public Policy be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies effective Spring 2016 and the proposal forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.