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To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
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From: Ryan Julian, Chair
Graduate Council



RE: Proposal for a new Master's degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management

The Graduate Council reviewed the revised proposal for a new Master's degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management. The Council was supportive of the proposal but still has some concerns.

In regards to the Comprehensive Exam (page 11, section 2.3), SoBA has been moving away from offering an exam in some of their other programs and instead toward this type of requirement (see MBA example below).

***Plan II (Comprehensive Examination)** Students who elect Plan II must complete an industry- based group case analysis as part of the management synthesis course. This case serves in lieu of a comprehensive final examination. Students whose case analyses are deemed "not acceptable" are given one additional quarter to revise them to an "acceptable" level.*

Does SoBA plan on giving a comprehensive exam for this new Master's degree? If not, this needs to be adjusted.

Also, nine courses are listed under "required" but only eight courses are stated as required in the text. The internship course (298I) is not on the course list, but is mentioned in the text. Graduate Council suggests the following layout:

Required courses:
MGT 201, 203, 207, 255, 256, 258, 271, 275

Capstone course:
MGT ???

Internship course:
MGT 298I

Elective courses (choose 6):
MGT 221, 224, 230, 236, 239, 259, 266, 267, 280

To obtain systemwide approval, the proposal must state exactly where the funding is coming from, as self-supporting programs cannot be state funded.

The proposal states that USC is the only other school in Southern California that currently offers an advanced degree in supply chain management. The Council would like to know how this program will be different than USC's.

The Council suggests including a sustainability plan to the proposal. In regards to point 3.4, Ways in Which the Program Will Meet the Needs of Society, are there specific course requirements that speak to sustainability and pollution?

Lastly, the number of faculty seems to be low (5 faculty) compared to the number of students the program plans to admit (up to 40). Teaching in self-supporting programs must be in addition to the normal teaching commitments as required by the department. The Council feels that more faculty with relevant experience will be needed to make this a successful program.