

Political Science Department
Faculty Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 19, 2018

1pm

Faculty present: Don Haider-Markel, Chair, Nazli Avdan, Christina Bejarano, Brittnee Carter, Mark Joslyn, Paul Johnson, John Kennedy, Patrick Miller, Gary Reich, Robert Rohrschneider, Clay Webb, Michael Wuthrich

Graduate Students: Rachel Finnell, Alexandra Middlewood
Mike Denning was also present, and Michael Hoeflich (via phone)

Don Haider-Markel, Chair started the meeting at 1pm, and introduced Mike Denning, who works with military programs, and Michael Hoeflich, who participated via speaker phone.

Don and Mike explained to the faculty about the Intelligence and National Security Studies proposal, involving the department's new certificate, and course approval, and the benefits and possible long term implications, and answered questions, with Michael Hoeflich assisting as well.

Also discussed was the ways the certificate could have a broad appeal to various majors. The related grant would fund the first five years, with the plan that the program would be self-serving after that point, Mike explained.

The proposal was for a new certificate called "Intelligence and National Security Studies" Requirements: Four proposed new courses: POLS 125 Introduction to Intelligence and Statecraft; POLS 130 US Intelligence Community; POLS 325 Intelligence Analytics; and POLS 345 Counterintelligence. Students enrolled in the certificate program are also required to participate in 1) a study abroad semester program or, 2) participate in 20 hours of campus activities which have an intelligence/national security focus, or 3) take an elective course from this list:

POLS 677: U.S. National Security Policy
POLS 675: Russian Foreign Policy
POLS 678: Chinese Foreign Policy
POLS 661: Politics of the Middle East
POLS 652: Politics in Europe

KU has been granted a 5 year award to establish this program as part of a Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (IC CAE) grant. The goal is to set up a certificate, then a minor. For the first 5 years the grant will fund the instructors for the courses, as well as a partnership with two smaller schools in Kansas.

The program will have an internship pipeline towards permanent careers in the intelligence community. Several Universities around the country have done this.

Alex Middlewood, PSGA President, asked whether this would be of any benefit to the graduate students at some point and the response was that yes, it most likely would.

Following a considerable amount of discussion, the proposal was called for, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December faculty meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned around 2:30pm