**Academic Program Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**January 23rd, 2024**

**Voting members present:** Lisa Rezende, Paul Wagner, Jennifer Schnellmann, Michael Mckisson, Jennifer Donahue, Dana Lema, Moe Momayez, Allison Lee, Shujuan Li, Melissa Goldsmith.

**Non-voting members present:** Holly Nelson, Bryanna Andrade, Melanie Madden, Krishna Muralidharan, Elsa Morales, Kirssa Cline Ryckman, Melody Buckner.

1. **Lisa Rezende called meeting to order at 3:32 pm**
2. **Approval of the**[**December 12th, 2023, Meeting Minutes**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/APS%20Mtg%20minutes_December%202023_MM%20feedback.docx)
   1. **Dana Lema motioned to approve. Paul Wagner seconded. Motioned was approved unanimously with 7 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**
3. **Old Business**
   1. **No old business to report.**
4. **New Action Items**
   1. [**New Minor: Semiconductor Manufacturing (Engineering)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Proposal_UG%20Minor%20in%20Semiconductor%20Manufacturing.pdf)presented by Krishna Muralidharan and Elsa Morales
      1. The Microelectronics industry is one of the biggest employers of people in engineering, physics and chemistry. Intel and TSMC are investing 70 billion dollars in plants within the state of Arizona. Right now, they are revitalizing semiconductor manufacturing within the U.S to bring jobs back. There is an immense and an imminent need for us to get up to speed and ensure that we have a program that enables our students to get trained on the best practices that is needed for them to find employment. The ACA jobs report shows that there will be 3,000 to 5,000 jobs per year. That is going to be created within the semiconductor manufacturing field, and 900 out 1,500 will be in the STEM field alone. This minor proposes to leverage a rich legacy in Semiconductor Manufacturing and Semiconductor Technology within the College of Engineering. This minor will be open to every student in the College of Engineering to take courses tailored towards it. This minor contributes to both regional and national competitiveness.

Q: Assuming that many students have taken the prerequisites to get into all of the various engineering programs. Do you see any challenges of a student not being able to get into this minor that is already in the College of Engineering, or is that already mapped out?

A: It is already mapped out. Everyone is expected to take chemistry courses, minus two departments which are biomedical and mining, and they might be at a disadvantage, but all other departments will be taking the courses.

**Paul Wagner motioned to approve. Allison Lee seconded. Motion carries with 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.**

* 1. [**New Minor: Political Science (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/POL%20Minor%20Memo_signed.pdf)presented by Kirssa Cline Ryckman
     1. We decided to reestablish the Political Science minor that will replace the minor in Government and Public Policy. This will be a traditional disciplinary minor and was designed in consultation with our advisors to make it open, flexible, and easy to go through. Students can tailor it and can go with whatever concentration they choose, it can be general, it can be specific, etc. It is designed to be a pathway and can start by taking the minor and then move on to the major.

Q: ￼ Are students who are in the existing minor that is being disestablished, have a clear pathway for them to merge into this new minor?

A: ￼So there are going to be a couple of options for them. One is just to finish out so that they can keep going. All the classes will still be there. The other option is switching them into the new Political Science minor, and an advisor will work with them to make a pathway.

* 1. [**Modification: Political Science with an emphasis on Foreign Affairs (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Request%20for%20substantial%20changes%20POLBA.FORAF%202.pdf)presented by Kirssa Cline Ryckman
     1. The changes will include removing two requirements: the six-semester language proficiency course and the international experience. The primary reason for the change is to simplify the concentrations within the political science major. Currently, there are three concentrations related to global politics (International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Foreign Affairs), which segments our classes and creates confusion among our students. Instead, we aim to offer one concentration that covers all courses that address international political science themes. To achieve this, we are (separately) proposing to disestablish the International Relations and Comparative Politics concentrations, while also keeping the general framework of the Foreign Affairs concentration but removing additional requirements that make this less appealing to many of our students. The reasons behind this include:
        1. Comparative Politics and International Relations are two of the traditional subfields within political science, and the separate concentrations capture this historical disciplinary divide in political science. However, the boundaries between comparative and IR have been narrowing. The difference between them is less clear in the discipline overall, and within SGPP’s faculty, who specialize in cross-cutting areas. It is increasingly difficult to separate classes into an IR or Comparative concentration as the two subfields converge over time.
        2. The Foreign Affairs concentration was added more recently, and it combines all IR and Comparative courses into a single concentration. However, it also adds additional requirements, including six semesters of language proficiency and international experience. While students often want the variety of classes in the FA concentration, they often choose IR because of the extra requirements.
        3. The current set up affects our Comparative concentration the most, as it is the smallest of the three by a wide margin. It doesn’t have name recognition among students, and students who would choose FA turn to IR instead. This leaves the comparative courses available to a much smaller group of students.
  2. [**Name Change: B.A. in Political Science, Foreign Affairs (subplan) (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Request%20to%20Rename%20Academic%20Program_POLFORAF%20%28002%29.pdf)presented by Kirssa Cline Ryckman
     1. The primary reason for the request is to simplify the concentrations within the political science major. Currently, there are three concentrations related to global politics (International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Foreign Affairs), which segment our classes and create confusion among our students. Instead, we aim to offer one concentration that covers all courses that address international political science themes under the new title of International Affairs.
  3. [**Name Change: B.S. in Public Management and Policy (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Request%20to%20Rename%20Academic%20Program_PMPC.pdf)presented by Kirssa Cline Ryckman
     1. There are multiple reasons we seek a program name change, most prominently, relating to the larger field of public affairs and name recognition among students. The current program name, Public Management and Policy, highlights some of the elements within the larger field of public affairs, but it excludes others. Public management and public policy are themselves specific areas of study within the broader field. Large areas of study, such as the nonprofit sector and public administration, are excluded from this title. As time has passed, the naming of the degree program needs to modernize to communicate more clearly, to current and future students, and community affiliates, what it means to manage and lead as a member of the public service sector as a career.
     2. The reasons to switch to Public Affairs help address these issues:
        1. It broadly captures areas across public management, public administration, public policy, and the nonprofit sector.
        2. The title is simple and flexible.
        3. The existing PA prefix maps well onto “Public Affairs”
        4. It is a common name across peer institutions and institutions with degrees in this space.
           1. Washington State University, Indiana University, Wayne State Univeristy house similar degrees titled 'Public Affairs'

Dana Lema motioned to approve action items b through e. Moe Momayez seconded. Motion carries with 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

* 1. [**New Minor: Teaching Online by Design (Education)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Proposal_UG%20Minor%20in%20Teaching%20Online%20by%20Design.pdf)presented by Melody Buckner
     1. Usually, when students get their degrees in teaching or instructional design, this marries these two degrees together and helps students learn how to develop online courses and facilitate online courses. The first course, 253 teaching online by design, has been proposed as a general education course, so this would introduce a broader career or ideas to every student. There are also graduate courses available, and this gives students an indication that perhaps in the future this could be a graduate certificate or even a graduate degree.

Allison Lee motioned to approve. Paul Wagner seconded. Motion carries with 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

1. **Informational Items only presented by** Kirssa Cline Ryckman
   1. [**Disestablishment: Minor in Government and Public Policy (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Request%20to%20Disestablish%20an%20Academic%20Program%20-%20GPPMINU.pdf)
   2. [**Disestablishment: B.A. in Political Science, Comparative Politics Subplan (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Request%20to%20Disestablish%20an%20Academic%20Program%20-%20POL.COMPOL.pdf)
   3. [**Disestablishment: B.A. in Political Science, Ideas and Methods emphasis (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Request%20to%20Disestablish%20an%20Academic%20Program%20-%20POL.IDMET_.pdf)
   4. [**Disestablishment: B.A. in Political Science, International Relations emphasis (SBS)**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/Request%20to%20Disestablish%20an%20Academic%20Program%20-%20POL.INTREL.pdf)
      1. For more information, seek item IV.b and item IV.c
2. **Meeting Adjourned at 4:39pm**