February 14, 2001

Susan A. Lamb, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Lamb:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a campus-wide Minor in Political Science.

This proposal has been approved by the LAS Courses and Curricula, Academic Affairs and Executive committees; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Marshall
Staff Associate

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Please prepare a brief statement (two pages or less) conforming to the outline below. Please submit the proposal to the Ann Mester, Assistant Dean, LAS College Office, 294 Lincoln Hall, MC 448. The proposal will be reviewed by the College and forwarded to appropriate campus offices for necessary additional approval. The section on Budgetary and Staff Implications must be addressed. Additional supporting detail for consideration by the Committee should be attached as appendices. PLEASE SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY.

SPONSOR: Please include the name, phone number, and e-mail of a faculty member knowledgeable about the proposal.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Where applicable, note whether state program requirements include additional requirements in the form of prerequisite courses.

JUSTIFICATION:

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

a. Additional staff and dollars needed.

b. Internal reallocations (changes in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)

c. Effect on course enrollments in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments.

d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

CLEARANCES:

Department/Unit Head Date

School Approval (if applicable) Date

Asst. Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Assoc. Dean, Graduate College

Assoc. Provost

STATEMENT FOR THE BULLETIN:

EFFECTIVE DATE:
Sponsor: Professor Peter Nardulli, Head, Department of Political Science, 361 Lincoln Hall, 3-3880, <nardulli@uiuc.edu>

Brief Description: A formal minor in political science consisting of at least 18 hours of credit in coordinated levels and sub-fields.

Justification: A minor in political science will be an attractive option for some students self-designated as pre-law but majoring in another discipline. Since political science is first choice for nearly 500 LAS students there is every reason to expect that it ranks second for quite a few others. We believe that many of these students will welcome and appreciate the additional structure and recognition provided by a formal minor.

Budgetary and Staff Implications:

a) Since a newly established minor does not involve creation of new or revised courses, its budgetary or staff implications are entirely a matter of changes in enrollments. These are difficult to predict, but we do not feel that they will be so great as to require additional staff and dollars.

b) Internal reallocations probably will not be necessary. If students attracted to the minor are disproportionately interested in pre-law type courses, we may need to review our offerings and staffing in what we call the public law sub-field. But this will be done in any event as we work through staffing changes that are beginning even now. Overall, however, we believe that a newly available minor in political science will not have a major impact on enrollments in political science courses. For one thing, many students selecting the minor probably would have pursued related coursework in political science had the minor not been available. Moreover, the number of majors in political science has declined in recent semesters, and few of our courses have been full to capacity. In the current (spring 00) semester, for example, many seats are available in political science courses at all levels. Taking a long view, therefore, we do not expect teaching loads or student-faculty ratios to be significantly affected.

c) We foresee no significant impact on course enrollments in other departments and,

d) similarly, no impact on libraries, equipment utilization, etc.

Advising for the Minor:

The Department of Political Science's Director of Undergraduate Studies will monitor the admission process and will be responsible for advising students enrolled in the minor. It is our intent that students from any college who have the standing required to transfer into Political Science as a major would qualify for admission to the minor. The College's normal degree audit system will be responsible for certifying completion of the minor.
Statement for the Bulletin:

By providing structure and recognition to coursework that students pursuing other majors can take in political science, the minor in political science will enhance those students’ ability to deal intelligently and critically with information and ideas about politics and related matters. The minor permits choices among a range of sub-fields, each involving important theoretical and applied questions about the roles of citizens, associations, and states in the distribution and application of political power. Within the selected sub-fields, students’ exposure will include advanced courses that build on relevant introductory courses and thus provide in-depth treatment of topics that should support the subject matter to which they are more fully exposed in their respective majors.

MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

HOURS REQUIREMENTS
3 Select one of the following courses:
   POL S 100—Introduction to Political Science
   POL S 150—American Government
6 Select at least two of the following courses:
   POL S 230—Racial and Ethnic Politics
   POL S 240—Introduction to Comparative Politics
   POL S 250—Introduction to Public Policy
   POL S 260—Introduction to Political Theory
   POL S 270—Introduction to Political Research
   POL S 280—Introduction to International Relations
9 Select at least three courses at the 300-level. These courses must be selected from sub-fields in which credit already has been completed. For a listing of courses by sub-field see the “Sub-fields for the Minor in Political Science” handout (available in 364 Lincoln Hall).
18 Total required hours

Effective Date: FALL 2001
POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES
(Not all courses offered every semester)

GENERAL:
100—Introduction to Political Science
199—Undergraduate Open Seminar
290—Individual Study
293—Senior Honors Thesis
295—Special Topics in Contemporary Issues and Problems
296—Special Topics in Political Science
297—Honors Seminar
299—Government Internship
370—Selected Topics in Women and Politics

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS:
150—American Government: Organization and Powers
230—Introduction to US Racial and Ethnic Politics
235—Women in Politics
305—Municipal Government
306—Municipal Problems
312—State Government
314—The Presidency
315—Legislatures and Legislation
317—The American Federal System
322—Politics and the Media
325—Latino Politics
326—American Political Parties
327—Black Political Participation in the American Political Process
350—Law and Society

351—American Constitutional System
354—The Judicial Process
355—The Constitution and Civil Liberties
357—Human Rights
359—Contemporary Supreme Court Policy Making

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:
280—Introduction to International Relations
281—Introduction to International Security and Arms Control
282—Politics and Policy in the Vietnam War: Unit One Seminar
292—Thesis in International Relations
371—World International Organizations
375—Politics of the Global Economy
377—International Communications
380—Comparative Foreign Relations
381—American Foreign Relations
382—Contemporary American Foreign Policies
383—Soviet and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy
384—International Relations
385—International Law
386—International War and Peace
387—National Security Policy
388—Government and Politics of the Global Society
389—Chinese Foreign Policy
COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS:

222—Introduction to Modern Africa
240—Introduction to Comparative Politics
241—The Emerging Nations
243—Pan Africanism in the Americas, Europe, and Africa
331—British Government
332—African Independence and Underdevelopment: 1945 to Present
335—Government and Politics of Russia and Other Post-Soviet Successor States
336—Government and Politics of Western Continental Europe
337—Government and Politics of China
338—Government and Politics in the Middle East
339—Islam and Society in the Modern Middle East and North Africa
340—The German Political System
342—Government and Politics in Latin America
343—Political Systems and Structures of Latin American Countries
345—Government and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
346—Government and Politics of East Central Europe
347—Government and Politics of Southeast Asia
348—Government and Politics of Japan
349—Government and Politics of South Asia
376—Comparative Political Economy

395—Modern Political Theory
396—Topics in Contemporary Political Theory
397—American Political Theory
398—Theory and Practice of Democratic Government

FORMAL THEORY AND EMPIRICAL METHODOLOGY:

270—Introduction to Political Research
328—An Introduction to the Study of Political Behavior
329—Electoral Behavior
390—Methods of Political Analysis

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/PUBLIC POLICY:

250—Introduction to Public Policy
300—Socio-Economic Management as Public Policy
361—Introduction to Public Administration
362—Administrative Organization and Policy Development

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:

260—Introduction to Political Theory
391—Topics in Non-Western Political Thought
392—Socialist Political Theory
393—Classical Political Theory