

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Establishment of the Ph.D. in International StudiesRECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents grant authority to the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Studies degree program, effective Autumn Quarter 2013. Tuition will be set at Graduate Tier I. The degree program will have provisional status with a review to be scheduled in the 2018-2019 academic year. At such time that continuing status is granted, a ten-year review cycle would begin.

BACKGROUND

In December, 2010, the Graduate School received a full proposal from the graduate faculty in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies requesting authority to offer the Ph.D. in International Studies degree program. Implementation is planned for Autumn Quarter 2013. The program anticipates enrolling four students per year, with four students graduating annually by 2017.

The Ph.D. in International Studies will serve students interested in international affairs and will prepare them for academic positions as well as for careers in government agencies, non-profit organizations, international organizations, and businesses. The proposed degree program is unique in its development of a cross-disciplinary, cross-area, and problem-focused approach to international studies. As such, it will be a school-wide degree, not housed within any one of the Jackson School's existing program areas. Demand for the program will be significant since it draws on the international reputation of Jackson School faculty and will be the only doctoral-level program in international studies in the Pacific Northwest. The Jackson School has identified the Ph.D. program as a key strategic initiative and will support the program through increased efficiencies and a reallocation of existing resources. The proposed program will require no new funding.

In September, 2011, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School appointed two reviewers to evaluate the Jackson School's Ph.D. proposal. The reviewers both supported approval of the degree program. Each reviewer made specific recommendations on the program, to which the program provided detailed responses.

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The Graduate School Council met on November 10, 2011, to discuss the Ph.D. proposal. The Council recommended unanimously that the proposal be forwarded to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and approval. The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School concurred with this recommendation.

On February 14, 2012, the Higher Education Coordinating Board Education Committee discussed the Ph.D. proposal, which was then considered by the full Higher Education Coordinating Board on February 28, 2012. The Board approved the proposal by the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Studies.

The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and the Provost have reviewed and approved the recommendation. The Higher Education Coordinating Board will be informed of the Board of Regents' action on the Ph.D. in International Studies.