Minor Change to a Graduate Program

Program Name: Project Management

Complete only if applicable
Program named above is:
✓ Option within Masters in Business Administration
☐ Certificate

Department Contact(s) w/phone #: Management Dept. Chair, Mike Rehg 898-5663; COB Graduate Programs Coordinator, Matt Meuter 898-5880

Brief rationale for change:
See attached page

Does the proposed change enhance or support the Diversity Action Plan (see definition & Task 3.1)? No
If yes, please explain.

Required Signatures

The Department of Management has reviewed and approved this program change

Chair, Department Curriculum Committee

Date

Department Chair

Date

The College of Business has reviewed and approved this program change

Chair, College Curriculum Committee

Date

College Dean

Date

CSU Chico
Curriculum Services

NOV 29 2016
RECEIVED
Minor Change to a Graduate Program

The Graduate School has reviewed and approved this program change

[Signature]
Dean of Graduate School

11/28/16
Date

Send signature page with proposal attached to Curriculum Services at Undergraduate Education, zip 128
Curriculum Technical Review Completed

[Signature]
Date
Minor Change to a Graduate Program

Brief Rationale for change:

We would like to REDUCE the number of units required for the MBA Option in Project Management (PM) from 36 units to 33 units. This change would make the MBA option in PM better aligned with our other MBA option in Enterprise Information Systems (EIS) which is 33 units.

We currently have 8 core courses in the MBA PM option, 2 required courses (MGMT 644 and MGMT 645), and two elective courses selected from a short list of available courses. The reduction in 3 units would be done in the elective course category. Student would only be required to select one elective course after taking the 8 core courses and the two required MBA PM courses.

In addition to the symmetry with the MBA EIS option, the number of units required for the MBA PM option may be deterring students from selecting this pathway. The General MBA is only 30 units and the MBA EIS option is 33 units. In addition, and more importantly, we have a very small set of approved elective courses from which to choose from in our MBA PM option. There is only one 600 level elective class available, and the others are all at the 400 level. Without a more robust list of elective choices, it is difficult for students to find two valuable courses to take to fulfill the requirement.

This proposed change has been discussed and vetted with the Graduate Program Committee within the College of Business, as well as the Management Department faculty who teach most of the Project Management courses. All are supportive of this reduction of three units in the MBA PM option.
The Option in Project Management

MBA students should declare the project management option with Business Student Advising. Students with an undergraduate project management emphasis should not enroll in this option. Students that pursue this option must meet the MBA prerequisite requirements.

Students following this option abide by the same policies guiding the MBA degree. Advancement to Candidacy and the core required set of courses are the same as for the MBA degree. Students must complete the 24 units of required MBA courses. In addition to the 24 units of required MBA courses, students in the project management option must complete an additional 42.9 units.

Requirements for the MBA with an Option in Project Management

2 courses required:

- **MGMT 644 Seminar in Project Management** 3.0 FA
  Prerequisite: Classified MBA status.
- **MGMT 645 Teamwork, Negotiation, and Conflict Resolution** 3.0 SP
  Prerequisite: Classified MBA student or faculty permission

6-3 units selected from:

- **BSIS 620 Strategic Information System Management** 3.0 SP
  Prerequisites: BADM 610 or OSCM 607, Classified MBA student.
- **MGMT 470 Business Dynamics** 3.0 FS
  Prerequisites: Junior standing, completion of the BADM lower division core, or faculty permission.
- **MGMT 489E Practicum in Project Management** 3.0 FS
  Prerequisite: MGMT 444, faculty permission.
- **MGMT 689 Directed Internship** 1.0-3.0 FS
- **MGMT 697 Independent Study** 1.0-4.0 FS
- **OSCM 451 Quality Management** 3.0 SP
  Prerequisites: OSCM 306 or faculty permission.
  This course is also offered as SMFG 451.
- **SMFG 451 Quality Management** 3.0 SP
- **SMFG 458 Project Management** 3.0 FA
  Prerequisites: Senior standing.

Note: Students may take either MGMT 689 or MGMT 697, but not both.