

**Resolution 2015-16.E**

**Resolution to Approve New Major, International Public Policy, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies**

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: January 25, 2016

Second Reading:

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to declare Major: Spring 2016

First Effective Date to Graduate: Spring 2019

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Political Science have active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the area of international public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, students in International Public Policy major will be prepared for pursuing a wide-range of careers both in the private and public sectors, such as national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and foreign service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Global Development (GD), Environmental Affairs (ENVA), and Business (BUSN) have been options in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies for many years, and the Major in International Public Policy incorporates courses and focus of the GD, ENVA, and BUSN options; and

**WHEREAS**, the title International Public Policy is recognizable and understandable to high school and college students seeking a program related to international affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Major in International Public Policy will provide better visibility for the program and will provide support to the enrollment management of incoming freshmen and transfer students into the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, International Studies includes several disparate fields of inquiry leading to disparate career opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Major in International Public Policy will be more readily promoted to potential employers and make it easier for students to market themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the name "International Public Policy" more clearly and accurately describes the principal foci of the proposed major than does the names "Global Development," "Environmental Affairs," and "Business" of the current options.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Major in International Public Policy be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies effective Spring 2016 and the proposal forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.