



FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Report from the Graduate Program Committee to Faculty Council (February 13, 2009)

The Graduate Program Committee recommends the approval of the following motion:

That the creation of a Master's Certificate in Project Management offered by the Levene Graduate School of Business be approved.

Proposal for a Masters Certificate in Project Management

The Faculty was recently approached by members of the Project Manager Institute (PMI) chapter for Southern Saskatchewan. Regina South Saskatchewan Chapter has 466 active members including 355 with their PMP (Project Management Professional) designation. The PMP certification is the profession's most globally recognized and respected certification credential. As professionals, members have to get development training on a regular basis.

Currently, PMI has 4 educational providers in the province, including the Edwards Business School. Edwards School of Business offers corporate training and development through its various public programs, as well as, customized in-house training. The program started in 2008. Edwards School of Business also offers the *Masters Certificate in Project Management* in partnership with the Schulich School of Business at York University. The Masters Certificate in Project Management curriculum covers all 9 areas of the 'Project Management Body of Knowledge' (PMBOK). PMI is currently looking for another educational provider in Saskatchewan.

As such, PMI feels a Masters Certificate in Project Management offered by the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business would be an interesting proposition for its members. We also suspect that more employees in the public and private sectors would be interested in such a program. In terms of resources, the creation of such a program would require no curriculum change. Courses included in the program already exist and are currently delivered by our Faculty. We would also have the opportunity to promote our program through the local PMI chapter in Southern Saskatchewan.

The Masters Certificate would be completed within 12-16 months, but may take up to 3 years to complete (depending on course availability). It would require completion of 3 Master's level courses (plus pre-requisite course).

The following class would be required to complete the program:

GBUS 865 Project Management

(Pre-requisite STAT 151 Intro. to Statistics)

Plus Two of the following:

GBUS 817 Human Behaviour in Organizations

GBUS 833 Financial Management

(Pre-requisite BUS 285 Intro. to Financial Accounting and BUS 290 Intro. Finance)

GBUS 836 Innovation & Entrepreneurship

(Pre-requisite BUS 260 Intro. to Organizational Behaviour)

GBUS 860 Managing Change

GBUS 870 Leadership: Theory & Practice

GBUS 874 Case in Leadership

Connection to MBA

Similar to our other Masters Certificate programs, the Masters Certificate in Project Management would ladder into the MBA program. Students will be allowed to concurrently hold a Master's Certificate and a Master's degree, using the same courses for both credentials. This means that a student could earn a Master's Certificate, apply for entry and be accepted into the MBA program, and then take an additional 7 GBUS courses (plus any pre-requisite courses) to earn the MBA degree.

To design this program, CCE, Engineering, Science, Fine Arts and the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy have been consulted. All of these units are supportive of this program. No new course needs to be developed for this program.