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**[Timely] Re: New Business: Flex MPP Program Approval**

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Fri, Apr 17, 2026 at 9:53 AM

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Cc: Kenneth Barish &lt;barish@ucr.edu&gt;, Cherysa Cortez &lt;cherysac@ucr.edu&gt;

Dear Kurt and Bruce,

Attached are comments on the latest version of the subject proposal. Please review and respond directly by replying to this message with your response **no later than 12 noon on April 21, 2026**. We will work to agendize this item for Executive Council with the aim for consideration of inclusion of the Spring 2026 Division meeting agenda.

Thank you.

Cherysa Cortez

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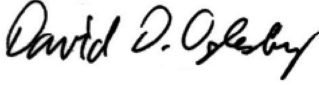


**PLANNING AND BUDGET**

April 16, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: David Oglesby, Chair  
Committee on Planning and Budget



**Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Degree Program: 3rd Round-Flex Master of Public Policy (Flex MPP-SSGPDP)**

The Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the revised proposal for a Flex Master of Public Policy (Flex MPP) self-supporting graduate professional degree program. CPB has the following comments:

- SPP has argued successfully for the financial feasibility of the program. CPB does not see any significant budgetary red flags.
- However, it would be helpful to have some clarification on the comment in the cover letter that if the increased enrollment impacts faculty time, "...we as a school will adjust accordingly." What would those adjustments entail?



## *Academic Senate*

### **GRADUATE COUNCIL**

April 17, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Viji Santhakumar, Chair  
Graduate Council

**RE: [Campus Review] (Proposed Degree Program) 3rd Round-Flex Master of Public Policy (Flex MPP-SSGPDP)**

Graduate Council reviewed the third round of the Flex MPP proposal at their April 16, 2026 meeting. The Council felt that the Flex MPP students paying for the MPP was confusing and needed more explanation. The Council still is not clear on how faculty time will be impacted by the capstone and internship. Adding 7-11 students will surely impact faculty time and this is not addressed. It's also unclear how the Flex MPP will benefit faculty. The minimum number of units the Flex students can take in a quarter is not defined and should be explicitly stated in the proposal.