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Executive Committee, School of Public Policy

RE: **Proposal for a Pilot Undergraduate Certificate Pilot Program for Internationalizing Undergraduate Students' Learning Experience at UCR**

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The Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy has reviewed the proposal. We support the idea of developing an international certificate program that recognizes competencies in thematic areas related to international learning and experience. The proposal, in its current state, was unclear and confusing in many areas and thus we'd request that the International Affairs Office spend some time and present its ideas to individual executive committees' and the Executive Council. A few, among the many, questions/comments we have include:

- How does this program relate with the current Global Studies Program?
- Is this a program that requires a study abroad component (i.e., is it a necessary element), or is study abroad one element of the program but not a necessity? At times, the proposal reads as if the certificate program is simply a way to enhance the study abroad program; at other times it reads as one element.
- It would be useful to provide some examples of such a program at other institutions and discuss how this proposed program mimics, extends, improves upon, etc., other international certificate programs around the U.S.
- The timeline and implementation date seem rushed given what's listed here.