



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.