



## *Academic Senate*

### **GRADUATE COUNCIL**

May 22, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Viji Santhakumar, Chair  
Graduate Council

**RE: [Campus Review] (Proposed Degree Program) 4th Round-Flex Master of Public Policy (Flex MPP-SSGPDP)**

The Graduate Council reviewed the 4th round proposal for a new Flex MPP at their May 21, 2026 meeting. The Council remains concerned that the proponents are not addressing or acknowledging the impact on faculty time, particularly with the added capstone and internship components. How will faculty time be tracked? Adjustments being made accordingly if faculty time is impacted is not a sufficient response and will not be acceptable when this proposal is reviewed at the systemwide level (by CCGA). A commitment for faculty time must be demonstrated and clearly explained.