Program Change Request

New Program Proposal

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Overview

Department: English (ENGL)
College: College of Letters & Science
Academic Level: Undergraduate
Program Type: Other

Other Type of Program:
RESEARCH CENTER: LEVEL II DOCUMENTATION IS ATTACHED TO THIS CIM PROPOSAL. CIM QUESTIONS DO NOT FIT RESEARCH PROPOSALS. PLEASE VIEW THE ATTACHMENT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO MEET THE 9/14/2016 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETE CAMPUS REVIEW.

Please review this program for financial aid eligibility.

No

Suggested Program Code:
WLPC

Degree Code:
Non Degree (ND) Non Degree Graduate (ND)

Program Title
Western Lands and Peoples Center (WLPC)

Abbreviated Program Title
Western Lands Peoples Center

Effective catalog when new program will be available to students:
2017-2018

One Paragraph Description of Program:
The proposed Western Lands and Peoples Center (WLPC) builds on a strong base of scholarship on the North American West in the College of Letters and Science and Montana State University, Bozeman, more generally. Through the proposed Center, MSU will become an international hub for the study of critical issues involving the western US and Canada. MSU is the ideal home for such a Center due to our already-existing expertise, our community networks, our geographic location at the meeting place between the Great Plains and the Mountain West, as well as our proximity to Yellowstone National Park. By supporting and advancing interdisciplinary research, publication, graduate and undergraduate scholarship, as well as engagement with the Digital Humanities—the interface between the new information sciences and traditional humanistic inquiry—we seek to establish a research-based resource for the regional, national, and global community.

Need

To what specific need is the institution responding in developing the proposed program?

See attached Level II document for proposed Research Center
How will students and any other affected constituencies be served by the proposed program?

See attached Level II document for proposed Research Center

What is the anticipated demand for the program? How was this determined?

See attached Level II document for proposed Research Center

**Institutional and System Fit**

What is the connection between the proposed program and existing programs at the institution?

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Will approval of the proposed program require changes to any existing programs at the institution?

No

Describe what differentiates this program from other, closely related programs at the institution (if appropriate)

See attached Level II document for proposed Research Center

How does the proposed program serve to advance the strategic goals of the institution?

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Describe the relationship between the proposed program and any similar programs within the Montana University System. In case of substantial duplication, explain the need for the proposed program at an additional institution. Describe any efforts that were made to collaborate with these similar programs; and if no efforts were made, explain why. If articulation or transfer agreements have been developed for the substantially duplicated programs, please include the agreement(s) as part of the documentation.

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**Program Details**

Describe the planned implementation of the proposed program, including estimates of numbers of students at each stage.

See attached Level II document for proposed Research Center

**Resources**

Will additional faculty resources be required to implement this program?

No

Please Explain:

Are other, additional resources required to ensure the success of the proposed program?

Yes

Please Explain:

In spring 2016, Professors Susan Kollin, Mary Murphy, and Robert Rydell received a competitive, 3-year Humanities and Social Science Phase II grant for $350,000 from the Office of the Vice President of Research and Economic Development and the Office of the President at MSU. A faculty member associated with the proposed Center also received a grant from the National Humanities Alliance to fund a week-long public history events scheduled for fall 2016. Additional funding for the proposed Center has been included in the ongoing MSU capital campaign. If approved by the Board of Regents, the proposed WLPC will also begin applying for additional sources of funding from appropriate foundations and federal agencies.

**Assessment**

How will the success of the program be measured?

The success of the proposed Center’s program will be measured through evaluations solicited from audience members and participants at relevant activities. Likewise, our success will be measured by the grants and funds we are able to raise, as well as
the publications, workshops, and conferences we are able to develop during the proposed Center’s first few years. We will also complete a report at the end of the academic year that outlines our activities and successes during that period.

**Process Leading to Submission**

Describe the process of developing and approving the proposed program. Indicate, where appropriate, involvement by faculty, students, community members, potential employers, accrediting agencies, etc.

The proposed Center received an initial review and approval in spring 2016 by garnering a Phase II Humanities and Social Science Grant from the MSU Office of the VPRED and MSU Office of the President, which provides funding for its first 3 years. The Dean of the MSU College of Letters and Science supports the proposed Center and has provided funds for various initiatives related to the proposed Center. Two MSU faculty visited the Director of the O’Conner Center for the Rocky Mountain West in summer 2016 to discuss plans to develop a Western Lands and Peoples Center at MSU. In addition, MSU faculty have met with the Director of the Montana Historical Society; the Curator of History at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman; and the Curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Western American History at the Center for the American West in Cody, Wyoming.

**Accreditation Information**

**Resources**

Budget projections for first three years of operation:

*(revenues and expenditures)*

Not required

Institutional support to be provided, including sources of funds:

See attached Level II document for proposed Research Center

Physical facilities and equipment to be provided to the new program, including sources:

Adequate

**Student Services**

Capacity of student services to accommodate the change:

*If applicable*

Adequate

**Library and Information Resources**

Adequacy and availability of required library and information resources:

See attached Level II document for proposed Research Center

**Additional Information**

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Supporting Documents

*Letters of Support.pdf*

*WesternLandsPeoplesCenter_Proposal_Level_II_Aug_2016v2.docx*

**Course Reviewer Comments**

x22m626|Thu, 04 Aug 2016 20:35:50 GMT|RWL: Updated fields per proposer’s request.

x22m626|Tue, 16 Aug 2016 19:56:34 GMT|RWL: Added letters of support 8/16/2016 (also added a nonsense degree code because CIM required one)

r96j728|Thu, 18 Aug 2016 17:26:08 GMT|SK: Updated per Research Council comments

x22m626|Tue, 23 Aug 2016 21:35:37 GMT|RWL: Updated files at proposer’s request. Added a fictional degree code to keep CIM happy.