Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Proposal to add the Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business in the Department of Business Administration

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COLLEGE CONTACT: Dean Larry DeBrock, College of Business, via Rebecca Goben (265-5162; rgoben@illinois.edu) and Mary K. Lowry, Director, Academic Programs & Policy in the Graduate College (333-9391; lowry@illinois.edu)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Department proposes to create a graduate concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business that will consist of 12 hours of Corporate Governance and International Business related coursework that can be tailored for specific career goals of the students. Currently, the Department offers a graduate minor in Corporate Governance and International Business. With the introduction of the proposed concentration, students from other graduate programs (see list of approved programs in Appendix A) will be able to earn a concentration in this area by selecting three courses from the list of courses below:

1. BADM 532- Sustainable Product and Market Development for Subsistence Marketplaces
2. BADM 582- Multinational Management
3. BADM 583- Current Topics in International Business
4. BADM 584- Global Marketing
5. BADM 586- International Comparative Management
6. BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: US Corporate Governance
7. BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: Technology and Globalization
8. BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: Global Strategy

Course substitutions may be approved by the Department after consultation with the IB & Business Law Area faculty.

Prerequisites for the Concentration:

Successful completion of the concentration assumes certain knowledge of business and prior coursework. Students must be admitted to one of the approved programs in Appendix A.

Document updated October 2012
Expected Enrollment in the Concentration:

The Department expects enrollment to be approximately 25 students which would not require the opening of additional sections of the courses offered for the concentration.

Admission to the Concentration:

The student will complete the necessary Graduate Student Request Form to serve as the application form for the Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business. The Graduate Student Request Form will include approval from the student's academic advisor and the director of the graduate program to which the student is already admitted or enrolled. The Department's Executive Director of Masters Programs or designee will be responsible for overseeing the graduate concentration admission process.

Concentration Advisor:

The director of the program in which the student is enrolled, together with the Executive Director of the Masters Programs and the International Business Area Leader will inform and advise students in the proposed graduate concentration.

Certification of Successful Completion:

The Department will use the Graduate Student Request Form to certify successful completion of the concentration. The student and/or program will submit the Graduate Student Request Form to the Graduate College to have it added to their academic record.

JUSTIFICATION: The concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business will focus on developing leaders in various business fields. It will prepare students who are interested in working in multinational companies with subsidiaries in emerging markets and global professional service firms such as accounting or consulting firms who operate in an international arena. The concentration will provide a strong foundation in the International Business and Corporate Governance area.

We will retain the minor in Corporate Governance and International Business. The audience for the minor remains the same as reflected in the Programs of Study Catalog.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS: For the initial years of the program, the Department expects no additional sections to be opened for the students in the concentration and thus no budgetary implications. If the demand for the concentration increases beyond our expectations, the Department will negotiate with the College of Business and the relevant departments to receive additional resources to accommodate the demand.
DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2014

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business:

The concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business is designed to develop leaders in various business fields who understand international business and corporate governance issues within the global economy. It specifically covers topics such as (1) how to create value for multinational partners, employees with diverse cultural backgrounds, and shareholders by designing better organizations and corporate governance structures; and (2) how managerial practices differ in various national/cultural contexts and why managers must be able to understand the strategic, financial, and economic implications of these differences in managing multinational corporations. The concentration will provide a strong foundation in the International Business and Governance area and can be tailored to fit the specific career needs of students.

This concentration requires submission of twelve graduate hours of Corporate Governance and International Business related coursework. Successful completion of the concentration assumes certain knowledge of business and prior coursework.

Admission to the concentration requires a Graduate Student Request Form submitted to the Department and Graduate College and admission to one of the programs approved for the concentration. Admission is limited, and acceptance is on a competitive basis.
CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures and dates of approval. These signatures must appear on a separate sheet. If multiple departments or colleges are sponsoring the proposal, please add the appropriate signature lines below.)

Signatures:

Unit Representative: [Signature]
Date: 1/25/14

College Representative: [Signature]
Date: 2/6/14

Graduate College Representative: [Signature]
Date: 4/2/14

Council on Teacher Education Representative: [Signature]
Date:
Appendix A:

List of Approved Programs and Letters of Support for Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business

1. Master of Science in Business Administration
2. Master of Business Administration
3. Master of Science in Accountancy
4. Master of Science in Finance
5. Master of Accounting Science
Appendix B

Courses Available to the IB&CG Concentration:

**BADM 532- Sustainable Product and Market Development for Subsistence Marketplaces:** Students in business, engineering, industrial design and other areas will spend five weeks of virtual immersion in subsistence contexts, including analysis of life circumstances in subsistence through interviews, simulation, and videos, and development of conceptual models of poverty, needs, products, and market interactions. Next, the course will focus on emersion of principles for business and engineering using a rich set of cases and a wide range of guest speakers. Student groups will be formed to balance technical and business skills and match interests with our company sponsors. Groups will generate and evaluate a long list of possible ideas, and design market research to be conducted during an optional international field trip over part of the winter break. Students have the option to enroll in a spring course which will focus on taking the product idea to a prototype and a business plan.

**BADM 582- Multinational Management:** Examines critical issues facing managers who work in multinational firms. Designed to develop students' skills for working in a global business environment. Topics include foreign market entry strategies, global management of the functional areas of business, and management and control of multinational firms in the global marketplace.

**BADM 583- Current Topics in International Business:** Continuation of BADM 582. Examines topics related to management and integration of multinational firms not covered in BADM 582. Possible topics include foreign investment decision making, international corporate governance, global manufacturing and supply chain management, international joint ventures and strategic alliances, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, global R&D, and global strategic human resource management. May be repeated.

**BADM 584- Global Marketing:** Analyzes marketing strategy across national boundaries, the problems of marketing within foreign countries, and the coordination of global marketing programs. Includes problems faced by the exporter, licensor, joint venture, and multinational firm. The full range of market activities are discussed from a global perspective.

**BADM 586- International Comparative Management:** Compares and contrasts different regional/national business systems and organizational practices including those from both developed and developing countries. Designed to advance students' global management knowledge and cross-cultural skills for functioning effectively in a transnational economy.

**BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: US Corporate Governance:** This course will introduce students to corporate governance in a multidisciplinary, multifaceted fashion, drawing on research as well as cases, controversies and current
events. The course will require a high level of commitment and participation by every student.

**BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: Technology and Globalization:**
When crossing borders, entrepreneurs have to face new challenges created by different political, cultural, and economic environments. Under these circumstances, success depends on the companies' abilities to adapt themselves to the new realities, or their capability to transform the local economy to their needs. This adaptation demands flexibility in the companies' managerial organization, creativity at dealing with different legal cultures, and strong emphasis on technological innovation. By studying several cases in different historical moments, this course will explore how the adaptation of different companies to diverse and sometimes hostile environments permitted the creation of the global economy as we know it.

**BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: Global Strategy:** This course provides global managers with a clear conceptual understanding of the opportunities and challenges involved with international business transactions. Senior managers face a diverse set of circumstances when they engage in cross-border business (trade and foreign direct investment) as opposed to purely domestic business: e.g., enhanced globalization forces, cross-national heterogeneity in institutions and cultures, increased competition from emerging economies, and – particularly germane for this course – altered strategic economic incentives. Accordingly, we will attempt to use the economic (applied economics to be specific) perspective as a tool to analyze these issues, make sense of the fundamental forces behind these dynamics, and understand their managerial implications. The class will focus on the economic roots of International Business, and complement this focus with important practical implications and 'real-world' examples and cases—the ambition will always be to wed good theory with practice.
### Appendix C:

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| Approved List of Courses   | BADM 582- Multinational Management                                   | BADM 532- Sustainable Product and Market Development for Subsistence Marketplaces |
|                            | BADM 583- Current Topics in International Business                   | BADM 582- Multinational Management           |
|                            | BADM 584- Global Marketing                                           | BADM 583- Current Topics in International Business |
|                            | BADM 586- International Comparative Management                       | BADM 584- Global Marketing                  |
|                            | BADM 590- Corporate Governance in International Context              | BADM 586- International Comparative Management|
|                            | BADM 590- Management Challenges in Emerging Economics               | BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: US Corporate Governance |
|                            |                                                                       | BADM 590- Seminar in Business Administration: Technology and Globalization |
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Mary Lowry  
Director, Academic Programs and Policy  
Graduate College  
University of Illinois  
222 Coble Hall  
Champaign, IL 61820

Mary,

The MS Business Administration Program (MSBA) supports the introduction of a concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business. We will allow qualified MSBA students who meet the MSBA Program requirements to enroll in the classes comprising the concentration and all credit hours earned by each student in those courses will be counted toward the MS Business Administration degree for that student.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

William Qualls  
Academic Director  
MSBA Program
October 22, 2013

Professor Dilip Chhajed  
Executive Director of Masters Programs  
Department of Business Administration  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
350 Wohlers Hall, 1206 S. 6th St.  
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Dilip,

I am writing to provide a letter in support of two proposed concentrations in Business Administration, namely the Concentration in Information Technology and Control and the Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business. I expect there definitely to be some demand from the MBA for both concentrations each year; thus, I fully support the availability of both concentrations.

To confirm:

• Yes, the 12 credits required for the Concentration in Information Technology and Control would count as progress toward the MBA degree.

• Yes, the 12 credits required for the Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business would count as progress toward the MBA degree.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Petruzzi  
Associate Professor of Business Administration and  
Academic Director, MBA Programs
October 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern | Graduate Concentrations Offered By the Department of Business Administration

This letter confirms that the Department of Accountancy will allow students in its Master of Accounting Science ("MAS") and Master of Science in Accountancy ("MSA") programs to enroll in the Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business and the Graduate Concentration in Information Technology and Control offered by the Department of Business Administration. Furthermore, this letter confirms that all of the respective concentration courses will count toward fulfilling the course requirements of both the respective concentration and the respective Department of Accountancy degree.

Sincerely,

Jon Davis
Head, Department of Accountancy
October 16, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter represents support from the Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program for a graduate concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business as proposed by the Department of Business Administration.

- This letter shall serve as confirmation that MSF students will be allowed to enroll in the BA concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business.
- This letter shall serve as confirmation that all 12 of the concentration hours will also be counted toward both the MSF and BA concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Martin Widdicks
Director, MSF Program
Hi Mary,

We would like to retain the minor. Just want to make sure that both full-time and part-time MBA programs are to be included in the approved list of MBA programs for this concentration as well.

Thanks,
-Dilip

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Hello Dilip,
The Graduate College has administratively reviewed the proposals you recently submitted. We have questions related to each, and I am sending you a separate email for each proposal. In the proposal to redefine the minor in Corporate Governance and International Business as a concentration, I want to just ask for one clarifying point about the proposal.

The request is to “redefine,” the minor as a concentration, and I want to make sure that the intention is that the existing minor will be terminated. If that is not the desired outcome, please let me know.

If we could get a reply back via email before the Program Subcommittee meets on March 18th, it will help in their review of the proposal.
Thank you,
Mary

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Mary K. Lowry
Director of Academic Programs and Policy, Graduate College
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
April 4, 2014

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to establish a graduate concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business.

The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the College of Business as well as the Graduate College Executive Committee. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: D. Chhajed
   L. DeBrock
   V. France
   M. Lowry
   A. Kindfleisch
April 2, 2014

Dear Kristi,

Enclosed please find the proposal to add the Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business in the Department of Business Administration.

The Graduate College Executive Committee has approved this proposal. I send it to you now for further review.

Sincerely,

John C. Hart
Associate Dean, Graduate College

c: A. Edwards
A. Kopera
M. Lowry
TO: Andrea Golato  
Graduate College  
204 Coble Hall, MC-32

FROM: Larry DeBrock, Dean

DATE: February 7, 2014

RE: Approval of Business Administration Department Proposals

The College of Business requests approval of the enclosed Master concentration proposals from the Business Administration Department. In both cases, we are redefining minors as concentrations.

- Corporate Governance and International Business
- Information Technology and Control

The appropriate committees at the department and college levels have reviewed the proposal and approval has been recommended. I also recommend approval. If you have questions, please call 333-2747.

/mls
Enclosures

Cc: V. France; Aric Rindfleisch; Dilip Chhajed