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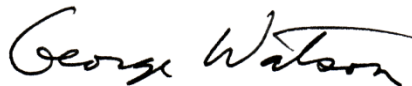
As Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), I wish to express my support for the School of Public Policy and Administration's (SPPA) Bachelor of Arts (BA) program to receive Permanent Status.

CAS values excellence in teaching and research, diversity, and community engagement as it pursues strategic goals of developing an outstanding students and faculty. In all of our undergraduate programs we seek to advanced skills related to critical thinking, open inquiry, and experiential learning, and promoting scholarly and service oriented relationships with local, national, and global communities. The SPPA BA Program supports these values and strategic goals through its activities related to the study of public sector management and administration; public policy and analysis; urban, community, and international development; and organizational leadership.

Through integrated teaching, scholarship, and community/public service, the work of SPPA faculty and undergraduate students impacts public, private, and non-profit policies in ways which improve social and political performance. Also, the hands on opportunities provided to students through SPPA's research centers and applied programs provide unique opportunities to understand diverse perspectives on governance and policy process.

SPPA has been resourceful and innovative in pursuing engagement with international academic, federal, state, and local public sector entities. In addition, initiatives like their 4+1 BA/Masters programs provide an example for which others in the college should strive. The college will work with SPPA to ensure the BA Program is successful in pursuing mutually shared goals and values, and we hope that the Faculty Senate will agree that the program deserves permanent status.

Sincerely,



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