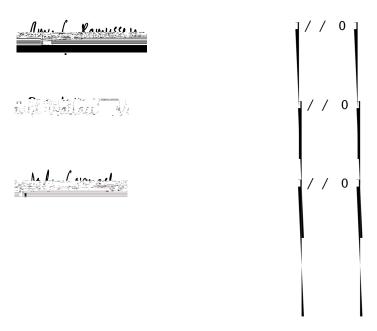
California State University, Long Beach $_{\mbox{\scriptsize VICE P}}$



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

VICE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Memorandum of Understanding
Department of Political Science,
College of Liberal Arts
October 2021

This Memorandum of Understanding outlines the consensus reached by the Department of Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Division of Academic Affairs, based on the recently conducted program review (Self-study in February 2021, external review site visit in February 2021, and UPRC report in September 2021). It describes the goals to be achieved, and the actions to be undertaken by all parties to this MOU to achieve these goals, during the next program review cycle. Progress toward goals is to be addressed in an annual report.

The Department offers a BA degree in Political Science with 3 concentrations: Law, Politics and Policy; Global Politics; Political Theory. They also offer a Minor in Political Science and a MA in Political Science. The program reported significant improvements since the last MOU in 2014, including: Coordinating their multi-section Intro to American Government (POSC 100); Developing quality online courses in summer and winter sessions; Oreating new courses to meet student demand; Developing new advising resources; Fostering transfer student integration; Strengthening alumni connections; Facilitating student transitions to post-graduate careers; Improving departmental governance; Assessing the curriculum; Engaging in undergraduate program revisions; Developing a departmental social media presence; and fostering a greater sense of community as a department. In addition, they report that they have added new courses that address important areas of student interest and societal importance: Queer Law (POSC 317; cross
and Sexuality Studies) and Environmental Law (POSC 314).

A number of strengths were identified in the reports.

- The program is commended for its continuous and successful efforts to assess and
 improve its programs. The department used earlier assessments to prioritize their
 strategic plans. In response to earlier reviews, the department has improved the
 coordination of their multi-section Intro to American Government (POSC 100) and the
 quality of their online courses in summer and winter sessions. They have also created
 new courses to meet students' demands.
- The student learning outcomes for the BA and MA in POSC are listed on the dearly articulated, aligned with the institution learning outcomes, and are accessible. The Progremployment and civic needs and addresses changes in the discipline.
- The program supports general education goals of campus extensively. The department offers three 100-level courses that satisfy GE Foundation requirements. The department



- 3. Engage in strategic planning of future hires as resources allow to incorporate a wider array of diversity and inclusion of courses related to race, ethnicity, gender, immigration and identity in both the U.S and global settings.
- 4. Explore opportunities to establish and manage sustainable and meaningful local internship o9Qq0.0000912 0 612 792 reW*nBTF4 12 Tf1 0 0 1 417.31 678.82 Tm nBTF inclusion