

## **IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form**

**Documents Reviewed:** Indiana University Request for New Certificate Program: "Certificate in Homeland Security and Emergency Management"

### **Summary of Proposal:**

This 15-hour certificate is proposed by the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. At its core are three courses. One course (J-5XX Homeland Security) has yet to be developed. Two others (J-524 and J-528) do not appear in the SPEA on-line Bulletin, although presumably they have been approved. Students may select two of three recommended electives from SPEA's Health and Public Affairs offerings to complete their required 15 credit hours. Other electives may be substituted with permission of an advisor.

The proposed certificate clearly addresses a community need and an area of considerable public interest. The proposal lists a number of prospective job opportunities for which students will be better prepared with this certificate.

### **1. Are the goals clear and achievable?**

The goals are both achievable and important for today's criminal justice practitioners.

### **2. Is the program academically sound?**

The program appears to be academically sound on its face. The only questionable aspect is the relevance of the limited number of electives. Given SPEA's contributions to the new Public Health program there could be an expanded list of preferred courses.

### **3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?**

The proposal calls for using regular faculty to teach the six courses for the Certificate. The obvious loss of faculty to these courses will be covered by adjuncts teaching other sections in the SPEA curriculum.

### **4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?**

Based on the courses offered in SPEA, arrangements have already been made for cross-listings of courses in Public Health and Liberal Arts. The Polis Center regularly conducts research for FEMA and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, among others. The Polis experience with practitioners, especially throughout Indiana, should be exploited for this Certificate. The overlap should help the program.

### **5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...**

This is a well-crafted proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Apart from minor concerns over courses available, I see no reason why it should not be passed as is.