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Dr. David Colnic  
Dr. Gerard Wellman and Dr. Umar Ghuman  
Political Science, Public Administration, and Leadership Studies

RE: Public Administration Self-Study Substitution – Academic Program Review

Dear Drs. Colnic, Ghuman, and Wellman,

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review Self-Study Substitution for the MPA program. It was a pleasure to read your thoughtful and comprehensive self-study and to discuss the future of the MPA program.

I commend you for your successful self-study and program reaccreditation by NASPAA and your growth orientation for the program. I acknowledge the need for a fifth tenure-line faculty position serving the MPA program in order to meet NASPAA accreditation requirements (2024).

During our meeting, I was interested to learn more about the potential of pursuing an online MPA program. We also acknowledged the outreach, admissions, assessment and advising activities currently being completed by the graduate program directors over the summer, and I support compensation for these activities (including hospitality resources for graduate program orientation and networking events). We also acknowledge the need for both academic and career/professional services support for working professionals outside of normal business hours.

I was also interested in discussing possible options for the Stockton campus, including the potential for new undergraduate options that may provide a possible pathway to the MPA program. Alignment at the Stockton campus may also include linkages to the new research center at Stockton and opportunities for participatory action research around issues of race, equity, and social justice.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your program is approved for continuance with unqualified support. I encourage you to continue to assess and review student competencies, and appreciate your commitment to growing the program.

Again, I extend my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your self-study and implementation plan. I look forward to working with you in the future and supporting your vision for the MPA at Stan State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kimberly Greer'.

Kimberly Greer  
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