

DT: February 2, 2006
TO: Virinder Moudgil, Thomas Lauer
FR: Senate Planning Review Committee
RE: Proposed B.S. in Operations Management

We have completed our review of the proposed B.S. in Production Operations Management (POM). I had the opportunity to talk to T.J. Wharton for clarification as well.

Given all else we have several remaining concerns. It is expected that 5-6 students will be admitted to this program per year, giving a total of 30 students in steady state. Dr. Wharton explained that these students will be absorbed in existing courses where the typical current enrollment consists of 5 undergraduates and 15 graduates. Since the cap for these courses is 30, up to 10 seats remain unfilled. Students in the POM can fill these seats.

In crosslisting proposed courses with graduate courses, Dr. Wharton assures me that the proper Course Action forms have been submitted. I spoke to him about making the necessary delineation of assignments in the syllabi. The Office of Graduate Study and proper COI will need to approve such changes.

We are concerned that no additional faculty have been included in the budget. Three and-a-half faculty will be asked to add responsibilities that may not show up in their faculty load in terms of advising students, meeting with students as it relates to coursework, mentoring and other intangibles.

Finally, we noted that no assessment plan was included in the proposal. Dr. Wharton assures me that a draft is currently under development and will be submitted to the Assessment Committee by March 6, 2006.

We approve the program with the understanding that these concerns will be addressed.

C: Gene Fliedner
T.J. Wharton
Laura Shartman