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**University College**

**School of Professional Studies**

**Proposal to Make Multiple Revisions to a Course**

**(Action Item)**

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**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Current course prefix (subject area) and number: PLS 195C
  2. Course title: Legal Research and Writing

**2. Revise course title:**

* 1. Current course title: Legal Research and Writing
  2. Proposed course title: Legal Research and Writing I
  3. Proposed abbreviated title: Legal Research Writing I
  4. Rationale for revision of course title: The paralegal curriculum was reviewed and assessed as part of the development of the four-year degree option and the upcoming program review by the American Bar Association. This title will more accurately reflect course sequencing and is consistent with course titles for similar courses in competing programs.

**3. Revise course number:**

* 1. Current course number: PLS 195C
  2. Proposed course number: PLS 250C
  3. Rationale for revision of course number: The paralegal curriculum was reviewed and assessed as part of the development of the four-year degree option and the upcoming program review by the American Bar Association. Additional research and writing projects were added to increase course rigor and to vary student performance assessment. This course number will more accurately reflect course sequencing and is consistent with course numbering in ABA-approved programs.

**4. Revise course prerequisites/corequisites/special requirements:**

4.1 Current prerequisites: PLS 190C

4.2 Proposed prerequisite/co-requisite: PLS 190C

4.3 Rationale for revision of course prerequisite/co-requisite: PLS 190C was added as a co- requisite as past experience has proven that students may take both courses (as previously approved by waiver) concurrently with success.

4.4 Effect on completion of major/minor sequence: This revision should expedite matriculation through lower level PLS requirements.

**5. Revise course catalog listing:**

* 1. Current course catalog listing: The sources and techniques of performing legal

research using primary and secondary authorities in a law library and writing a legal argument with correct form and citations.

* 1. Proposed course catalog listing: The sources and techniques of performing legal research using primary and secondary authorities in a law library and online and drafting legal documents in appropriate format with correct citations.
  2. Rationale for revision of course catalog listing: The paralegal curriculum was reviewed

and assessed as part of the development of the four-year degree option and the upcoming program review by the American Bar Association. The proposed catalog listing more accurately reflects course content and objectives.

**6. Revise course credit hours:**

* 1. Current course credit hours: 3
  2. Proposed course credit hours: N/A
  3. Rationale for revision of course credit hours: N/A

**7.** **Revise grade type:**

7.1 Current grade type: Standard letter grade

7.2 Proposed grade type: N/A

7.3 Rationale for revision of grade type: N/A

**8. Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

**9. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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| Department of Professional Studies | May 8, 2013 |
| University College Curriculum Committee | November 11, 2013 |
| Professional Education | N/A |
| General Education | N/A |
| Undergraduate Curriculum Committee |  |
| University Senate |  |