

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: New Center for International Peace and Security Studies, University of Northern Iowa
Date: September 8, 2003

Recommended Action:

Approve the University of Northern Iowa's request to establish the Center for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS).

Executive Summary:

Center's Location The proposed Center for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) would be housed in the Department of Political Science in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa.

Center's Purposes The Center's purposes are as follows:

- to foster discussion among students, faculty, and the citizens of Iowa on international conflict and the meanings of security in the 21st century;
- to foster the development of academic experiences and internships for students in the areas of international peace and security studies;
- to offer faculty a forum to engage with issues in areas relevant to their teaching and research;
- to encourage intellectual and civic engagement through network building, public debate, and research projects;
- to promote understanding of the origins and impacts of international conflicts, their prevention, and their resolution through peaceful means.

Funded by UNI The Department of Political Science will provide support of the Center through departmental funds of less than \$25,000 annually.
Department of Political Science

Institutional
Approval

The Provost, the Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the Department of Political Science have approved the formation of the CIPSS.

Board's practice
concerning the
eventuality of the
center's termination

In the event a Board-approved center's or institute's activities or funding are discontinued, it is the Board's understanding and customary practice that the host institution will terminate the center or institute.

Regent Review
Questions for New
Centers

The University's responses to the Regent Review Questions for New Centers are attached.


Anthony Girardi

Approved: 
Gregory S. Nichols

**Center for International Peace and Security Studies
University of Northern Iowa**

Regents Review Questions for New Centers

1. What is the title of the proposed center or institute?

The Center for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS)

2. What is the administrative relationship of the proposed unit to other entities on campus, such as departments or colleges?

The CIPSS will be housed in the Department of Political Science in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

3. To whom will the administrative director of the unit report?

The Director will report to the Head of the Department of Political Science.

4. Succinctly describe the basic purposes and objectives of the unit.

The CIPSS is being established to foster discussion among students, faculty and more broadly, the citizens of Iowa on international conflict and the meanings of security in the 21st Century. Encouraging intellectual and civic engagement through network building, public debate and research projects, the CIPSS will promote an understanding of the origins and impacts of international conflicts, their prevention, and the ways by which they can be resolved through peaceful means.

a. How will the activities of the unit relate to the goals, mission and teaching programs of the university?

The CIPSS will foster the development of academic experiences and internships for students in the areas of international peace and security studies, while offering faculty a forum to engage with issues in these areas relevant to their teaching and research.

b. How do they relate to the strategic plan of the department and/or university?

The CIPSS will promote a greater understanding of the origins and impacts of international conflicts and their resolution, and thus further the strategic goal of increasing awareness of global issues and the linkages between local and global affairs.

5. Do similar units exist at other public or private colleges or universities in Iowa? If so, how does the proposed unit relate to them?

No.

6. What are the proposed sources and annual amounts of funding for the unit? Please itemize. (Include faculty, staff, and clerical salaries; supplies; equipment; travel; other costs)

The Center will not require a major commitment of funds (as defined by Board policy 6.06, i.e., in excess of \$25,000) at this time since faculty involved will continue to maintain their teaching and other faculty obligations. Minimal support for supplies will be provided through departmental and college funds. The Center will seek external funding for conferences and other activities.

7. Which of the costs in item 6 represent new financial obligations to the general fund of the university?

None