Office of Research and the former Dean of Social Sciences Division are requesting disestablishment of the Institute of Governmental Affairs ORU (Organized Research Unit). The hybrid process being used to request disestablishment was reviewed and endorsed by relevant Academic Senate standing committees during 2014-2015, and is attached to the background provided for review.
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To: Academic Chair Knoesen  
Re: ORU Disestablishment Request - IGA

In response to your request for comment, the Graduate Council, partially based on the deliberations of its subcommittee on Academic Planning and Development support the proposed disestablishment of the IGA ORU. Disestablishment of the Institute for Governmental Affairs (IGA) ORU would be the last phase of an orderly conversion of the IGA to an Institute for Social Sciences (ISS)-operated unit in DSS. This process was initiated circa 2010 and appears to preserve all the major functions of the original IGA, including funding for graduate student fellowships, important data services, and other activities supporting graduate student education. The ISS also serves to broaden the interdisciplinary reach of the IGA within social sciences and across the campus. The original mission of the IGA has long since expired, and this appears to be a timely and efficient conversion with no apparent negative outcomes.

Sincerely,

Kyaw Tha Paw U, Chair
Graduate Council
Planning & Budget

November 16, 2015 12:11 PM

CPB discussed disestablishment of the Institute for Governmental Affairs (IGA) ORU. The committee agrees with the plan for disestablishment of the ORU.
COR reviewed and discussed the request for disestablishment of the Institute of Governmental Affairs (IGA) ORU. All COR members agree that the request is entirely logical and support the disestablishment.