Proposal Date: 10/31/13

**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 281C
	2. Course title: Mediation for the Paralegal

**2. Revise course title:**

* 1. Current course title: Mediation for the Paralegal
	2. Proposed course title: Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods and Practices
	3. Proposed abbreviated title: Alt Dispute Methods Practices
	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 content is consistent with course titles for similar courses in competing programs.

**3. Revise course number:**

* 1. Current course number: PLS 281C
	2. Proposed course number: PLS 381C
	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. The proposed course will address multiple alternative dispute resolution methods (as opposed to mediation only as in PLS 281) and examine practices within each to increase course rigor, to enhance student experiences and vary 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 prerequisite: PLS 293C

4.2 Proposed prerequisite: PLS 393C

4.3 Rationale for revision of course prerequisite: The prerequisite must be revised to reflect new PLS course numbering.

4.4 Effect on completion of major/minor sequence: No effect is intended or anticipated.

**5. Revise course catalog listing:**

* 1. Current course catalog listing: Academic and practical instruction in the law of alternative dispute resolution including the rationale behind mediation, the rules of procedure and the relation to the trial process.
	2. Proposed course catalog listing: Examination and application of various methods of alternative dispute resolution utilized in legal disputes.
	3. 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 |  |