Over the past year, Dean Carruthers has been visited by both prospective students (graduate and undergraduate) and corporations interested in the development of intelligence studies programs at NMSU. The corporations are doing work on federal contracts and are especially interested in business graduates who have an understanding of the intelligence community. During the summer Kathy Brook has been working with a university ad hoc committee chaired by Larry Mays of Criminal Justice and Enedina Vazquez of the Graduate School to develop an intelligence studies program. It has been agreed by the committee that this program should be open to all students, with no required classified courses.

The undergraduate program which is being developed consists of core courses in Fundamentals of Intelligence, Terrorism, Intelligence Research Methods and Analysis, Professional Writing and Analysis, and Ethics, Democracy and Intelligence as well as “clusters” of courses in areas such as International Relations, National Security and International Law; Culture, Religion and Nationalism; Science and Technology; International Economics and Business.

Graduate options are being explored including the use of the IDOC program for several current students and resurrection of the IMAS program to allow for structure majors in areas such as intelligence studies.

We may participate in the programs being developed by the university committee but we may also want to develop options within business majors. Kathy Brook has drafted examples of intelligence studies options within the General Business major and within the Bachelor of Arts in Economics.