UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME for the Addition of Minors in Sustainability and Geographic Information Systems to the Department of Geography and Environmental Resources,

College of Liberal Arts

WHEREAS there is an increasing demand for students with and understanding of and training in the field of sustainability; and

WHEREAS there are an increasing number of jobs that require geospatial skills such as geographic information systems; and

WHEREAS employers show preference for candidates with knowledge in one or both of these area; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing demand amongst students for formal training in these areas, and the availability of these minors is expected to attract additional students; and

WHEREAS the Department of Geography and Environmental Resources has indicated that there is sufficient staff, courses, and computer infrastructure to support the minors in these two areas and no additional budgetary requirements are expected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend the addition of minors in Sustainability and Geographic Information Systems to the Department of Geography and Environmental Resources.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent on the Graduate Council's approval of the graduate certificates included within the RME.

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