October 22, 2015

To: Dean Van Galen, Chancellor  
    116 North Hall  
    University of Wisconsin-River Falls

From: James Graham, Chair  
    Faculty Senate  
    University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Re: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2015-16/26

The following motion was approved unanimously by the Faculty Senate on October 21, 2015:

A motion from the Academic Programs and Policies Committee (Mialisa Moline, Chair) to approve the following:

a. Department Name Change: Geography and Mapping Sciences to Geography and Geographic Information Science (See Attached)

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor  
10/23/15  
Date
TRANSMITTAL for COURSE DESIGNATOR CHANGE/CREATION:
Request for Designator Creation/Change

I. INFORMATION:

1. Department(s) Proposing Designator Change/Creation: Geography and Mapping Sciences
2. College(s) Arts and Sciences
3. Proposal prepared by: John Heppen Date: 09/30/15

4. Check all that apply
   □ New Designator
   √ Change in Designator Department Name

5. Other Programs/Departments Consulted (Requires letters of comment from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):
   a.) N/A
   b.)
   c.)
   d.)

6. Proposed Catalog year of Implementation: Year Fall 2016
   Note: Must be done in consultation with the Registrar’s Office.

7. Attach Request Narrative: Include in narrative on attached pages a rationale for the requested changes or creation of a designator. Include a listing of courses affected by the designator change/creation. Also list all courses affected by the designator change/creation. Include the current and proposed designator assignments for all affected courses?

8. UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Department Chairs and Deans whose programs will be substantially affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and Colleges (noted in “5” above), are on the 2nd page of this form. These signatures should be obtained prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

   Department/Program Chair

   Signature Date

   Registrar

   Dean of College

   Academic Policy & Program Cmtt. Chair

   Signature Date

   10/14/15

   10/14/15

*NOTE: The master copy of this transmittal & accompanying documents must be filed in the Registrar’s office upon final approval. The Registrar’s office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Dean(s), Department Chair(s)] of approvals & necessary actions to implement changes.
September 30, 2015

Dear Dean Caskey,

The Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences requests that we change the name of the Department to the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science. We had a department meeting and voted on the change on September 25, 2015. We have attached the minutes of the meeting and a narrative explaining the rationale. Thank you,

John Heppen

Professor and Chair Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences.
TRANSMITTAL for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:
Changes or Proposals

I. INFORMATION:

1. Program Title: Geography
   Geography and Mapping Sciences
2. Department(s): Geography and Mapping Sciences
   Arts and Sciences
3. College(s): Arts and Sciences
4. Proposal prepared by: John Heppen Date: October 2, 2015
5. Check all that apply
   [ ] New program  [ ] Existing program
   [ ] Change in course name  [ ] Change in number of credits
   [ ] Change in major  [ ] Change in minor
   [ ] Change in course content  [ ] Change in emphasis/option

6. Other Programs/Departments Consulted (Requires letters of comment from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):
   a.)  
   b.)  
   c.)  
   d.)  

7. Catalog year (and semester) of Implementation: Semester Fall Year 2016

8. Have all courses in this program been approved? Yes [x] No [ ]
   If “No” which courses have not been approved?

9. Attach Request Narrative
   Include in narrative on attached pages a rationale for the requested changes or creation of program.
   Include clarification concerning any courses that have not yet been approved. If requesting a
   program change also include a listing of course array for both the current and proposed program.

10. UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Department Chairs and Deans whose programs will
    be substantially affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and
    Colleges (noted in “6” above), are on the addendum to this form. These signatures should be obtained
    prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

    Signature  Date
    Department Curriculum Committee Chair (optional)
    Department/Program Chair  9-30-15  9-28-15
    College Curriculum Committee Chair
    Dean of College  10/14/15
    University Curriculum Cmtn. Chair
    Academic Policy & Program Cmtn. Chair  10/21/15
    Faculty Senate Chair  10/26/15
    Provost / Vice Chancellor  10/26/15
    Chancellor  10/23/15
    
    *NOTE: The master copy of this transmittal & accompanying documents must be filed in the Provost’s office upon
    final approval. The Provost’s office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Registrar, Dean(s), Department
    Chair(s)] of approvals & necessary actions to implement changes.

    Revised December 2012
September 28, 2015

Narrative for request for Department Name Change Geography and Mapping Sciences to Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science.

The Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences requests that the name of the department be changed to Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science. The name change will reflect a more contemporary name and a name that is more informative and inclusive of what Geographic Information Science is. We in the department offer a Certificate in Geographic Information Science and a minor in Cartography and Geographic Information Science. The Association of American Geographers (aag.org) has a Geographic Information Science and Systems specialty group and uses the term Geographic Information Science and identifies Geographic Information Science as the following: “Geographic Information Science (GIS / GIScience) concerns the acquisition, management, analysis, and dissemination of information that is spatially-referenced to locations on, above, and below the surface of the earth.” (http://www.aag.org/cs/programs/giscience). The AAG published The Geographic Information Science and Technology Body of Knowledge in 2006 (http://www.aag.org/cs/publications/special/gist) setting the standard for the name.

In summary we are replacing Mapping with Geographic Information to be more descriptive of the program and to be current on the nomenclature.

Below are institutions named Geography and Geographic Information Science or GIS

University of Northern Colorado. Department of Geography and GIS.
http://www.unco.edu/geography/

University of Illinois. Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science
http://www.geog.illinois.edu/

George Mason University. Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science
https://cos.gmu.edu/ggs/

John Heppen

Professor and Chair Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences
Minutes Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences Minutes Department meeting 9-25-15.

Call to order at 4:05pm.

Present: John Heppen (Chair), Ruth Baker, Matt Dooley, Matt Millett and Charlie Rader.

1. BS in GIS
   a. Charles Rader moved to change name of Department from Geography and Mapping Sciences to Geography and Geographic Information Science. Matt Dooley seconded. Measure passes by voice vote with no objections.
2. Spring Schedule-discussion
3. Taking students to conferences-discussion
4. Matt Dooley Promotion-Charles Rader, John Heppen, Mark Bergland to serve
5. John Heppen Post-tenure review-Charles, Rader, Matt Dooley, Neil Kraus to serve
6. CAS Choose your Adventure-discussion
7. College Promotion Criteria-discussion
8. Recruitment of Students-discussion
9. Adjournment: 5:06pm.