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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate  
FROM: Denise Wilson, Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee  
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal from the Department of Anthropology for a new Geographic Information Systems Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Curriculum Committee approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Anthropology Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate

The Department of Anthropology designed the GIS Graduate Certificate for students who have been taking the three GIS courses even without earning a certificate because of the importance of these skills in the workplace. Such a certificate would make it easier for them to demonstrate their GIS competence and make them more competitive in the workplace.

The GIS certificate provides the specialized education and training that students need to understand GIS methodology and technology as applied archaeological field work and data management. This certificate is intended to prepare graduates to meet the growing demand for GIS skills in archaeology, both in academic research and other employment.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the new Anthropology Geographic Information Systems Graduate Certificate.

Attachments

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