

Graduate Council Resolution in Support of RME for Certificates in Sustainability and GIS in
Geography and Environmental Resources

Rationale:

Whereas the Department of Geography proposes to add two post-baccalaureate certificates in Sustainability and GIS (Geographic Information Systems). And

Whereas the proposed certificates build both on existing departmental programs and on the research strengths of the faculty, who focus on sustainability in its various forms. And

Whereas applicants with sustainability skills and/or GIS analysis skills are currently in high demand (the department frequently receives requests for such programs). The department anticipates up to 20 enrollees in these two certificates per year. Thus the addition of certificates in this area may be expected to generate credit hours and tuition dollars from both existing students and professionals seeking to enhance their skill sets; and

Whereas the proposed changes do not require new facilities, faculty, staff or dollars.

Resolution:

Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed creation of graduate certificates in GIS and Sustainability in the Department of Geography.