November 19, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Edward Montgomery  
Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Charles Caramello  
Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate School

FROM: Phyllis Peres  
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to move the GCPS and MPS in Geospatial Information Sciences to the Department of Geography (PCC log no. 08026)

The proposal to move the administrative home of the Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies and the Master of Professional Studies in Geospatial Information Sciences to the Department of Geography has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective immediately.

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Enclosure

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Barbara Hope, Data Administration
    Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Thomas Castonguay, Graduate School
    Robert Schwab, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
    Chuck Wilson, Office of Extended Studies
    Teresa Hruzd, Office of Extended Studies
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building. Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED ___ 11/05/08
PCC LOG NO. 08026

COLLEGE/SCHOOL ___Graduate School/OES/BSOS

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM___ Certif: Prof Studies-Geospatial Info Sciences (Z035)
M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (MPGS)

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD _____ DELETE _____ CHANGE X

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)
We wish to move the administrative home for the Certificate in Professional Studies—GIS and the Master of Professional Studies—GIS from the Office of Extended Studies (formerly under the reorganized Office of Professional Studies) to the Department of Geography. The program will remain unchanged, with the same required courses and curriculum. Both programs will be supervised by the departmental MPS GIS Organizational Committee whose membership consists of the Graduate Director, the Academic and Program Directors of the Geography MPS program and all faculty in the department who teach geospatial information sciences courses.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)
The Department of Geography decided during the reorganization of the former OPS that it could better administer both the Certificate and Professional Master. No additional resources will be required. Further, consolidation for the administration will minimize overhead. The Office of Extended Studies supports this request.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair
   [Signature] [Date]

2. Department Chair
   [Signature] [Date]

3. College/School PCC Chair
   [Signature] [Date]

4. Dean
   [Signature] [Date]

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
   [Signature] [Date]

6. Chair, Senate PCC
   [Signature] [Date]

7. Chair of Senate
   [Signature] [Date]

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
   [Signature] [Date]