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TO: University Undergraduate Program Committee

FROM: Zhixiao Xie, Chair, Geosciences Department

RE: Change B.A./B.S. Geography and Geology into B.A./B.S. in Geosciences Degrees

The Geography and Geology programs are housed in the Geosciences Department, and we are in the process of merging the two programs into a Geosciences program, as many other similar departments have done. We have already completed the merge at graduate program level after establishing a Ph.D. in Geosciences in 2009, and merging our M.A. in Geography and M.S. in Geology into M.S. Geosciences in 2015. As the final phase, the Department is merging four undergraduate degrees, the B.A./B.S. in Geography and the B.A./B.S. in Geology into two degree programs, B.A./B.S. in Geosciences. The procedure is similar to that requested by BOG for merging our Masters programs: instead of writing a new degree from scratch, BOG request that we change the CIP code and write a new catalog description. Nothing is changed in terms of delivering the programs, all existing courses will continue to be delivered. Students in the current degree programs may choose to switch to the new programs.

For those students that remain in the old degree programs, nothing has changed in terms of course delivery, they should be able to finish the B.A./B.S. in Geology or B.A./B.S. in Geography on the same schedule that they are following at this time.

The CIP code for B.A./B.S. in Geology is being changed to the CIP code of Geosciences. The B.A./B.S. in Geography will be terminated through a program change request as soon as the last student has graduated or switched to the new B.A./B.S. in Geosciences degrees.

Approved by		**Date**
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