7 February 2018

TO: Sarah Mangelsdorf, Provost

FROM: John Karl Scholz, Dean

RE: Request to Discontinue Planning and Landscape Architecture Capstone Certificate in Geodesign (UNCS595)

CC: Greg Downey, Associate Dean for Social Science, L&S
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On February 6, 2018, the L&S Academic Planning Council considered and approved the attached request to discontinue the capstone certificate program in Geodesign, which is in the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture. Admissions to the program were suspended in 2016. Since there are no students enrolled in it, there is no need for a “teach out” plan.

We hope this discontinuation may be effected as soon as possible, since it may be best not to include this program in the Fall 2018 edition of the Guide.
February 5, 2018

Elaine Klein
Associate Dean for Academic Planning
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Dear Elaine,

I am writing to reconfirm our request for permission to discontinue the Capstone Certificate in Geodesign, effective at the earliest possible date. Admissions to this program were suspended in 2016, and there are no students enrolled.

Our Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve discontinuation at our meeting today, February 5, 2018.

The program was developed through the former Department of Landscape Architecture, now within the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture. We have determined that the department does not have the capacity or market to support a separate capstone certificate program in Geodesign. Instead, we intend to offer the courses developed for the certificate individually, in support of advising pathways and through the Department of Geography’s Professional GIS programs. We are in the process of finalizing an agreement with Geography regarding those courses.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Ken Genskow
Professor and Chair
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