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Dear Kate,

The Department of Geography recently undertook a comprehensive evaluation of our entire undergraduate curriculum. Drawing on outcomes of our assessment activities, discussions during faculty meetings, and work by ad-hoc faculty committees, the Undergraduate Studies Committee has put together a proposal to overhaul the existing Geography major. Additionally, we are proposing two new majors to be housed within the department: Geographic Information Science and Atmospheric Sciences. We designed these majors following standards of excellence provided by academic and industry bodies in these fields.

Our proposal is designed with three central goals in mind. The first is to update our curriculum in light of changes in the discipline and in the composition of our faculty. Secondly, the revised curriculum will better prepare our students while providing them more flexibility. Third, these revisions will attract new students to the department, college, and University.

The proposal is packaged as five separate documents:

1. A set of proposals for five new courses, including one GEC course.
2. A set of course change requests for 23 courses.
3. A proposal to revise the existing Geography major. This proposal maintains the four specializations within the major (two of which lead to a BA, and two to a BS). We propose substantial revisions to the curriculum for each of the four specializations, each of which is structured very differently.
4. A proposal for a new Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Science

5. A proposal for a new Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences

We look forward to working with the Curriculum Office this year to improve these proposals and see them through the approval process. We are confident that the proposals will lead to a much stronger and more attractive Department of Geography at Ohio State.

Sincerely,  
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