



January 23, 2019

To: Dr. Meg Daly, Chair of ASCC

From: Charles J. Daniels, Chair ASCC Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel

Dear Meg,

On January 10th, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Curriculum Committee panel reviewed a request from the Departments of Statistics and Geography to deactivate the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Geo-Spatial Analysis (GSDA GIS).

The GSDA GIS program was initiated under the quarter system, and is now infeasible under the current semester system. Curriculum changes in the transition to semesters led to a lack of appropriate courses and complications in prerequisites. One student remains in the program and plans are in place to oversee his completion of the degree. The Graduate school will be notified when this occurs. No additional students will be admitted to the program and all parties are in agreement.

Realizing that interest in the area remains high, the Department of Geography plans to develop a Certificate in Geographic Information Science, which will better serve these students.

The NMS committee voted unanimously to approve the request and the proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Respectfully,

Charles J. Daniels, Ph.D.