



Academic Senate

Committee on Information Technology

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To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: John Franchak, Chair
Committee on Information Technology

Re: Review Item: Geographic Information Systems and Public Policy B.S. Degree (GIS and Public Policy)

Although the GIS and Public Policy proposal states that no additional technological resources are required, the IT Committee requests a more thorough plan for technological resources. ARCGIS licenses are expensive and seem like they would be required for students in the program. The proposal should indicate what software is needed, who will bear the costs, and whether/how the proposers have consulted with campus IT to ensure technological resources can be adequately provided.