



## *Academic Senate*

### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

April 21, 2026

To: Ken Barish, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Annie Ditta, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy

**Re: Proposal for B.S. in Geographic Information Systems and Public Policy**

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed and voted to support the proposal for a B.S. in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Public Policy at their April 3, 2026 meeting. However, the Committee recommends that the School consider reducing the number of lower division requirements—if they are not pre-requisite courses for the required upper division courses—as they are high for an undergraduate major. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the School collaborate with other UCR departments that offer GIS courses given the potential synergies between courses with GIS thematic overlap. This would not only strengthen the breadth of the student experience but also increase the attractiveness of UCR programs for external support. Such activities could include a workshop on understanding broader applications of GIS with speakers from different campus programs.