



April 23, 2026

TO: Kenneth N. Barish, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Harry Tom, Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

SUBJECT: [Campus Review] Proposal: Geographic Information Systems and Public Policy B.S. Degree (GIS and Public Policy)

Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposal for the Geographic Information Systems and Public Policy B.S. Degree at the April 14th meeting and has comments to provide.

The committee has noted that the GIS courses listed in this proposal to be used towards completing the degree are all within the school of Public Policy and would like to draw attention to existing GIS courses within CNAS that are available to students, which include GEO 157, GEO 158, and GEO 147.

The committee also raised a question regarding the mathematics requirement of MATH 004. Since many incoming undergraduate students are placed into higher level math classes, because they have taken a MATH 004 equivalent in high school, this means the student will not be allowed to take MATH 004. It is the suggestion of the committee that this GIS program allow other math classes to fulfill the mathematics requirement (E.g., Math 004 or 5A or 6A or 7A or 9A).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Tom".

Harry Tom, Ph.D
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences