Learning Outcomes Data for the Senate Committee on Instructional Program Priorities

Program: Geographical Information Systems Minor

Department: Geography

Number of students enrolled in the program in Fall, 2011: 1

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The Geography Department has not yet created Learning Outcomes for the new Geographical Information Systems (GIS) minor. This is a more specialized and technical program than our geography major or geography minor. We will be able to make use of the GIS & Technology Body of Knowledge (http://www.ucgis.org/priorities/education/modelcurriculaproject.asp), created under the auspices of the University Consortium on Geographical Information Science, in articulating the learning outcomes. Appropriate assessment tools would likely include a project portfolio, since several of the courses in this minor involve project-based learning.

The department has been prompted by this request for data on learning outcomes for the GIS minor to put development of these on the agenda for this year’s faculty retreat.