Faculty Senate Resolution 369, as amended

Introduced by
Faculty Senate Executive Committee

RESOLUTION ON GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (GIST)

WHEREAS, the Office of Academic Affairs has proposed the addition of eight new programs in Geospatial Information Science & Technology (GIST), to be housed academically in the Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center (WyGISC); and

WHEREAS, both Faculty Senate’s Academic Planning Committee (APC) and the Graduate Council have reviewed the proposal; and

WHEREAS the Graduate Council has approved the graduate components of the GIST proposal, as shown on the attached letter dated October 11, 2019 from Dr. Carolyn Pepper, chair of the Graduate Council; and

WHEREAS the APC has recommended approval of five certificate programs and a Master’s program (without thesis), all to be delivered via distance education, but did not recommend approval of an undergraduate Bachelors of Science degree or an on-campus Master’s program (with thesis) to be delivered on campus, as show in the attached report from the APC;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Faculty Senate that it supports the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee to approve six proposed programs: (1) undergraduate certificate in GIS; (2) undergraduate certificate in Remote Sensing; (3) Masters in GIST, without thesis, online; (4) graduate certificate in GIST; (5) graduate certificate in Remote Sensing; and (6) graduate certificate in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS); and not approve two programs: (1) undergraduate Bachelors of Science in GIST; or (2) Masters in GIST, as specified in the report of the Committee attached hereto.

AUTHENTICATION: The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 369, as amended, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of November 18, 2019, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.

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Secretary, Faculty Senate
Dated: November 19, 2019