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5 RESOLUTION ON GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (GIST)
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Office of Academic Affairs has proposed the addition of eight new programs in
10 Geospatial Information Science & Technology (GIST), to be housed academically in the Wyoming
11 Geographic Information Science Center (WyGISC); and
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13 **WHEREAS**, both Faculty Senate's Academic Planning Committee (APC) and the Graduate Council
14 have reviewed the proposal; and
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16 **WHEREAS** the Graduate Council has approved the graduate components of the GIST proposal,
17 as shown on the attached letter dated October 11, 2019 from Dr. Carolyn Pepper, chair of the Graduate
18 Council; and
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20 **WHEREAS** the APC has recommended approval of five certificate programs and a Master's
21 program (without thesis), all to be delivered via distance education, but did not recommend approval of
22 an undergraduate Bachelors of Science degree or an on-campus Master's program (with thesis) to be
23 delivered on campus, as show in the attached report from the APC;
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25 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Faculty Senate that it supports the recommendation of the
26 Academic Planning Committee to approve six proposed programs: (1) undergraduate certificate in GIS;
27 (2) undergraduate certificate in Remote Sensing; (3) Masters in GIST, without thesis, online; (4)
28 graduate certificate in GIST; (5) graduate certificate in Remote Sensing; and (6) graduate certificate in
29 Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS); and not approve two programs: (1) undergraduate Bachelors of
30 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.*



Michael G. Barker
Secretary, Faculty Senate
Dated: November 19, 2019