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**TO:** Dr. Chris Laingen, CGS Chair  
**FROM:** Dr. Douglas Klarup, COS Interim Dean  
**DATE:** March 7, 2017  
**RE:** Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting on February 24, 2017

The following request was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting on February 24, 2017. The request would be effective Summer 2017. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

**Requested change:** We are requesting that 1) the certificate description include the word “online” to reflect the coursework and 2) the program description is clarified slightly.

**Rationale for change:** Last year, the Certificate of Public Planning was revised to reflect new curriculum in Political Science, as well as online delivery of all courses in the certificate. However, we failed to use the word “online” in the description of the certificate, which limits our marketing. The courses are all online, and were approved for online delivery

**Effective Year/Term:** Summer 2017

**Proposed Revisions:**

**Political Science: Certificate in Public Planning**

The Certificate in Public Planning ~~is designed to~~ provides students and professionals working in the public and nonprofit sectors with an online curriculum focused on ~~advanced decision-making tools~~ geographic information systems, public administration, and public policy research. The theoretical and scientific training included in the certificate program ~~will~~ allows students to enhance their skill sets in public planning, particularly in the areas of city/urban planning and state and local government.

**Admission Requirements:**

To be eligible for admission to the certificate program, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see “Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs”). All applicants must submit a statement of personal goals and two letters of recommendation from faculty or professionals familiar with the applicant’s academic training and potential for success in graduate school.

**Courses Applicable Toward a Specific Concurrent or Future Degree Program:**

Within parameters set by the Graduate school and Department of Political Science, courses taken toward completion of the Certificate Program in Public Planning may be counted toward the Master of Arts degree in Political Science or other related degree programs. However, acceptance into the certificate program does not guarantee placement into a graduate program. Students in the certificate program will be required to apply separately to any graduate program.

## **Certificate Course/Curriculum Requirements**

### **Total Semester Hours: 18**

GEO 5810 - Introduction to Geographic Information Science Credits: 3

GEO 5860 - Geographic Information Systems II Credits: 3

GEO 5820 - Remote Sensing I Credits: 3

### **Choose nine semester hours from the following:**

PLS 4793 - Civic and Nonprofit Leadership Credits: 3

PLS 4893 - Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3

PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 5543 - Proseminar in Public Administration Credits: 3

PLS 5843 - Proseminar in Public Policy Research and Analysis Credits: 3