TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum
SUBJECT: 16-17 CIC 84: Discontinuance of BA Geography
PURPOSE: For Action by the Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: CIC accepted the Geography request and asks that the Academic Senate recommend the discontinuance of the BA Geography; with the President’s approval, effective Fall 2018

BACKGROUND:
At CIC’s March 27, 2017 meeting, the committee received 16-17 CAPR 10. No objections from CIC were raised; it was noted that there still is a BS Geography program.
**General Discontinuance Information**

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Use this form to discontinue quarter-based programs including: DEGREES/MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS, CERTIFICATES, CREDENTIALS, AND SUBJECT MATTER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

**STEP ONE:** Turn on help text, by clicking the Show Help Text icon above this section of the form.

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| Department* | Department of Anthropology, Geography and Environmental Studies |

| Program to be Discontinued:* | Geography Bachelor of Arts |

| How many students are currently pursuing this program:* | 9 |

| Discontinuance Justification:* | During semester conversion discussions and after initial conversion work, it was determined that Geography’s best path forward would be to discontinue offering both the B.A. and B.S degrees. After carefully considering faculty strengths, areas of emphasis for recent and current students, and the potential for new hybrid hires in AGES, it was decided to convert the B.S. (with modifications) and allow the B.A. to expire with the end of the semester system. |
The Department is responsible for accommodating students in finishing their program.

Are the courses these students need still being offered and, if not, is the department ready to make appropriate substitutions?

**Explain how the department will help students finish their program:**

All of the courses that are equivalent to those offered under the BA program will also be offered under the BS program that we are keeping either as required or elective courses. Only a few courses are being eliminated, none that were required. Thus there are no problems envisaged. BA majors in transition will be advised in the same way that BS majors in transition will be advised. If they wish to continue with the BA rather than switch to a BS then it will be relatively seamlessly possible for them to do so under the semester structure for both the quarter BA and the BS degree catalogs.

**Resource Implications:**

None.

**Consultation with affected departments:**

The following department(s) has (have) been consulted and raised no objections:

Did not consult any departments outside of my own/no other departments are impacted.