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Members, Board of Trustees:

TRANSFER OF ACADEMIC DEGREE: COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of the Bachelor of Arts degree and minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies from the College of Arts and Sciences to the Department of Geography, in the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2020.

<u>Background</u>: The Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental and Sustainability Studies is currently housed in the College of Arts and Sciences rather than within a department. The Environmental and Sustainability Studies faculty of record and the faculty of the Department of Geography would like to transfer this interdisciplinary academic program to be housed in the Department of Geography. The fields of geography and environmental and sustainability studies are closely related, and the Department of Geography is committed to the mission and success of the degree program, having previously taken on primary responsibility for many program functions. The change will not involve transfer of faculty or staff.

The proposed transfer has been approved by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Environmental and Sustainability Studies faculty of record, and the faculty of the Department of Geography; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.