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Office of the President
February 20, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE: COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree in Mapping and Geographic Information Science (GIScience) in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Background: The proposed bachelor's degree in Mapping and GIScience will provide students with skills to play a critical role in addressing societal challenges, environmental sustainability and community engagement. With knowledge of analytical training, geospatial tools and technical skills, students will be able to determine the appropriateness of different computer-based applications and communicate insights with advanced cartographic design. Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Mapping and GIScience will be prepared for careers that make use of spatial data and spatial technologies, environmental monitoring, urban planning, health applications or business intelligence.

The proposed bachelor's degree has been recommended to the Provost by the College of Arts and Sciences faculty given their expertise within their respective disciplines. The Provost of the University supports the program faculty's recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____