

Geography Plan October 2006 Update and Extension to 2012

The attached Excel spreadsheet provides a matrix in which the Department of Geography's 2004-2009 Strategic Plan is updated (as of October 2006) and extended to 2012. In April 2006, a Status and Update of the Plan was submitted to the Dean, in which several new objectives were included. Two additional new objectives are now added.

New Objectives

The following list provides a summary of the new objectives added to the original 2004-2009 Plan [* indicates new objectives added since the April 2006 report].

- A.1.C. GIS certificate available for post-bachelor's students
- A.2.B. revise existing undergraduate GIS certificate
- A.2.C. teaching practicum courses
- * A.2.D. administration of the Geology Minor and geology courses
- * A.2.E. earth sciences within natural science component of general ed core
- A.3.B. "Summer Cohort" delivery method for the geo-ed PhD program
- B.1.C. graduation goals for the PhD programs
- B.1.D. maintain quality Master's degree programs
- B.2.E. establish learning outcomes
- E.1.A. faculty diversity

Note that the new objectives represented by A.3.B. and B.1.C. specifically address the Provost's top priority for the College of Liberal Arts articulated in the Fall of 2005 – i.e. working towards the timely graduation of doctoral students.

Deleted Goals

Several of the original goals included in the matrix indicate a status of "DELETED". Some of these have been merged into other goals or supplanted by a closely related goal.

However, the deletion of goal A.1.A. (i.e. to establish a PhD program in Geographic Systems of the U.S.) represents a very significant change in Geography's Plan. Rather than adding a fourth doctoral program, it is proposed that the Department concentrate on its three existing PhD programs for the foreseeable future.