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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources for a new prefix, GISCI, Geospatial Information Science, will be an agenda item for the August 25, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair  
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

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Dear Committee:

The Warnell School recently added an area of emphasis in Geospatial Information Science under the renamed Natural Resource Management and Sustainability major (formerly Water and Soil Resources). We propose to create the course prefix GISC to designate courses in the Geospatial Information Science area of emphasis.

The undergraduate curriculum in the Warnell School is structured so that all students, regardless of major, take a core of courses that provide knowledge of natural resources fundamental to all majors. Those courses are designated by the prefix FANR. Students then take major-specific courses, which are designated by a major-specific prefix (e.g., FORS for Forestry courses). For majors with areas of emphasis, courses specific to the area of emphasis have a unique prefix. Therefore, creation of the GISC prefix will allow consistency with other majors in the School. Water and Soil Resources is also an area of emphasis under the Natural Resource Management and Sustainability major. The WASR prefix already exists and will be used to designate courses in that area of emphasis.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Steven Castleberry, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor  
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