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DATE

April 5, 2013

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RE:

Gordon Myers, Chair

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Senate Committee on

Undergraduate Studies

Faculty of Environment (SCUS 13-19)

Lord Wyll

# For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of April 4, 2013, SCUS approved the following curriculum revision effective Spring 2014:

# 1. Department of Geography

(i) Removal of the W designation for GEOG 453



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ATTENTION Jo Hinchliffe, Associate Registrar	TEL
FROM SUSAN RHODES, Acting Director, University Curric Institutional Liaison	culum and
RE Deletion of W designation for GEOG 453	
DATE March 21, 2013	
	TIME 2:16 PM

The Department of Geography has formally requested removal of the W designation attached to GEOG 453 Theoretical and Applied Remote Sensing, effective Spring 2014 term.

The department has indicated that a new faculty member now teaches the course. Having taught the course once with W pedagogy, he would prefer to teach it without. The course is already a highly specialized Q course and the faculty member believes the W deflects more students than it attracts.

GEOG 453W was not taught for several years while the department waited for permission to hire a new remote sensing specialist. There are a number of alternative upper-division W course options in Geography, so majors are not impeded in their degree progress. Rather than constrict the course structure with W pedagogy, the program would prefer to focus on the Q content.

Based on this rationale, the University Curriculum Office approves the removal of the W designation for GEOG 453.

Cc: Ivor Winton, Geography UCC Chair Alex Clapp, Associate Dean, FEnv



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# **MEMORANDUM**

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TO:	Dr. Alex Clapp Associate Dean FE / Chair FE Curriculum Committee
FROM:	Ivor Winton, Chair USCC, Geography
SUBJECT:	UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGES
	FALL 2013 CALENDAR
DATE:	March 21, 2013

# Dear Alex;

The Geography department would like to request the reinstatement of GEOG 453 (non-W version) in order for us to offer it this fall semester. The rationale for our need to offer this course is the hiring of a new faculty member who plans to teach this course as a non writing intensive course.

Best regards,

**Ivor Winton**