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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	April 5, 2013
FROM	Gordon Myers, Chair	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Faculty of Environment (SCUS 13-19)		

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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FROM SUSAN RHODES, Acting Director, University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison

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