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Institution Submitting Request: Utah Valley University  
 Currently Approved Title: BS Information Systems, Geographic Information Systems Emphasis  
 School or Division or Location: College of Technology and Computing  
 Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Information Systems and Technology  
 Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 7/1/2016  
 Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: Pending

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items	
R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar	
SECTION NO.	ITEM
4.1.5.1 <input type="checkbox"/>	K-12 Endorsements
5.1.1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/> New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
5.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/> New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Bureau
5.5.1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Consolidation
5.5.3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

\*Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

**Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:**

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

**Signature**

**Date:** March 22, 2016

**Printed Name:** Jeffery Olson, Senior VP for Academic Affairs

**Program Request - Abbreviated Template**  
**Utah Valley University**  
**Emphasis, Geographic Information Systems**  
**2/16/2016**

**Section I: Request**

The Department of Information Systems and Technology in the College of Technology and Computing at Utah Valley University requests permission to delete the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) emphasis from the BS in Information Systems degree. The request is to delete this emphasis only; the BS degree has three other emphases and one proposed emphasis.

**Section II: Need**

Out of the 192 total Information Systems majors, only four have selected the GIS emphasis. The demand for this emphasis did not meet the expectations when the emphasis was created in 2011. Therefore, this emphasis is not needed. Students who seek knowledge and skill in GIS choose to major in Geography or Geomatics, not Information Systems.

**Section III: Institutional Impact**

The GIS courses are currently being taught in the Geography and Geomatics programs. The GIS emphasis requires one marketing class. Those programs will not be negatively impacted by the discontinuation of the GIS emphasis on the BS in Information Systems degree because their courses existed before the creation of the GIS emphasis and were created for their own programs. The GIS emphasis requires six credits of other Information Systems courses. No courses will be deleted; those courses will still be taught because they are required or electives in other emphases.

**Section IV: Finances**

The discontinuation of the GIS emphasis should not have any significant costs or savings as the GEOG, GIS, and MKTG courses will still be taught by their respective departments.