

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The College of Education and Human Sciences requests the suspension of the Geology, Earth and Space Science Emphasis, Teaching (Code 150-015) and elimination of the Geology, Earth and Space Science Emphasis, Teaching, Minor (Code 160-402). Effective August 1, 2018, The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) changed the rules for teacher licensure. The revised rules changed the specific subject licenses (biology, chemistry, geology, physics, physical science) in science to a broad license in science that should include all subject areas. In other words, we will be preparing education students to teach ALL subject areas within a comprehensive science teaching major. Therefore, specific subject area licenses are no longer needed; however, the department has decided to suspend the emphasis in case there should be a shift in how state teaching licenses are structured in the near future.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Elimination of both the major and minor instead of Suspension/Elimination.

Pros of Recommendation:

Change aligns with Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requirements that went into effect August 2018.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the suspension of the Geology, Earth and Space Science Emphasis, Teaching (Code 150-015).

The committee approved the elimination of the Geology, Earth and Space Science Emphasis, Teaching, Minor (Code 160-402).

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on March 17, 2020 (Date)

Recommends that:

The suspension of the Geology, Earth and Space Science Emphasis, Teaching (Code 150-015), starting 2020-2021 AY.

The elimination of the Geology, Earth and Space Science Emphasis, Teaching, Minor (Code 160-402), starting 2020-2021 AY.

Implementation Date: 20/21 catalog

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Committee

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