TO: Academic Policies Committee

FROM: College of Education and Human Sciences

DATE: February 11, 2020

RE: Eliminate Minor

We request that you consider placing this curricular item on your earliest possible agenda.

Name of Program: Minor: Geography, Teaching

Program Code: 140-413

Date of Department/Program Approval — December 15, 2019
Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – February 7, 2020
Date of CoEHS College Approval – February 7, 2020

From Current Catalog Web Page:
https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geography-minor-t/

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Rationale: 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 (history, political science, geography, economics, sociology) in social studies to a broad license in social studies that should include all subject areas. In other words, we will be preparing education students to teach ALL subject areas within a comprehensive social studies major. Therefore, specific subject area licenses are no longer needed.