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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 28 January 2013

TO: Dr. Alan White, Dean Harriot College of Arts and Sciences

FROM: Burrell Montz, Chair Department of Geography

RE: Renaming the Department of Geography

B. Montz

At its faculty meeting in December, the faculty discussed the past development, composition, and future direction of the department. They recognized that evolution has taken place such that the department's name no longer accurately reflects the current nature and planned future directions of our degree programs and our research activities. The **Department of Geography, Planning, and Environment** is the name we propose to reflect our current composition and future plans.

The name "Department of Geography" is now too narrow for what the department has become. We were once the Department of Geography and Planning. With the return of the Planning Program to the Department, it is appropriate to add that to the departmental name. At the same time, the addition of Atmospheric Science to the Department and the expansion of our course offerings and research in environmental topics call for recognition of that area in our name as well. We are now much more than a traditional Department of Geography and would like our name to reflect more accurately what we do and who we are.

The faculty voted unanimously for this name change and we now look for support from the Dean's office.