

## Weitz, Jerry

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**From:** Mohammed, Tijjani  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 1:50 PM  
**To:** Weitz, Jerry  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Program course proposals

Drs. Weitz and Montz,

I hope that you are both doing well! As of noon today, none of our faculty members have expressed any concerns over the proposed PLAN curricular changes. To that end, the Department of Technology Systems fully endorses your proposed changes. Please let me know if this e-mail notification is sufficient, or if you need a more formal memo. Best wishes,

TJ

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mohammed, Tijjani  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 10:14 AM  
**To:** Weitz, Jerry  
**Cc:** Montz Covey, Burrell Montz  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Program course proposals

Good morning, Drs. Weitz and Montz,

I hope that you are both doing well! My apologies for the delayed response--I have been out of the office since Tuesday and am just catching up on messages. I just distributed your package to our faculty and expect to receive any comments by noon tomorrow. I will be sending you our endorsement tomorrow afternoon. Regards,

T. Mohammed

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Weitz, Jerry  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 9:56 AM  
**To:** Mohammed, Tijjani  
**Subject:** FW: Planning Program course proposals  
**Importance:** High

Dr. Mohammed:

Is it possible for you to provide a short e-mail that the Department of Technology Systems approves of our graduate curriculum proposal to renumber PLAN 5025 to PLAN 6055 and PLAN 5065 to PLAN 6065? All other courses listed as an elective for the environmental planning and

development concentration for the MS in Technology Systems degree are 6000 level except the two we propose to change to 6000.

Thank you in advance for your reply.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Montz Covey, Burrell Montz  
Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2012 6:15 AM  
To: Weitz, Jerry  
Subject: FW: Planning Program course proposals

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From: Montz Covey, Burrell Montz  
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:59 AM  
To: Mohammed, Tijjani  
Subject: Planning Program course proposals

Dear Dr. Mohammed,

The Geography Department is pursuing approval of revisions to the BS in Urban and Regional Planning degree and new graduate course proposals. I am writing to specifically ask for your support in the form of a memorandum stating that you have no concerns or issues with these proposals. We would appreciate your response at your earliest convenience as we are in the final stages and expect to formally submit these proposals soon.

To simplify your review, please note that these proposals intersect with the department of technology systems as follows:

The proposal would renumber PLAN 5025, Coastal Area Planning and Development, to PLAN 4055 (undergraduate component) and PLAN 6055 (graduate component). It would also renumber PLAN 5065 to PLAN 6065 and 4065 respectively. The MS in Technology Systems lists PLAN 5025 as well as PLAN 5065 as electives for that degree (specifically, the environmental planning and development concentration or emphasis). If our proposal is approved, PLAN 5025 would be renumbered PLAN 4055 in the undergraduate catalog, PLAN 6055 in the graduate catalog, and PLAN 5025 would be eliminated. Also, PLAN 5065 would go away and be replaced by PLAN 6065 in the graduate catalog and a new undergraduate companion (PLAN 4065 would also be created). Since the course content will not change, we don't expect this will affect your degree in any way other than the elective course getting renumbered.

I have attached a copy of the course proposals for PLAN 6055 and PLAN 6065 if you would like to review the particulars. I have also submitted the draft explanatory memo summarizing the graduate curriculum revision proposal. If you need further information, please let me know.

Thanks very much,

Cheers,  
Burrell Montz

Chair and Professor

## Weitz, Jerry

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**From:** Van Willigen, Marieke  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 11:00 AM  
**To:** Montz Covey, Burrell Montz; Weitz, Jerry  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Program course proposals

Burrell,

I apologize for my delay in responding to Jerry's emails. We had a number of health crises among our faculty in mid-October which took up a great deal of my time and focus.

The Department has no concerns with the proposal to change PLAN 5025 to PLAN 4055/PLAN 6055. Indeed we see this change as preferable, as our students are reluctant to take a course with a 5000 level designation. The PLAN 4055 should be more attractive to them.

In terms of your second proposal, we have no concerns in having these courses listed. However I can tell you that at the moment we have no one teaching SOCI 3410. Due to recent retirements and the fact that we have not been allowed to hire, we have not replaced the individual who typically taught this course. Honestly that is unlikely to be a priority area for us in the next couple of hires, so I don't anticipate that course being taught for quite some time. On the other hand, the urban and rural sociology courses are typically taught about every third semester (sometimes in the summer).

Hope this helps,  
Marieke

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**From:** Montz Covey, Burrell Montz  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:57 AM  
**To:** Van Willigen, Marieke  
**Subject:** Planning Program course proposals

Dear Marieke,

To follow up on two e-mails (October 3 and 16) to you from Jerry Weitz, Director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program, the Geography Department is pursuing approval of revisions to the BS in Urban and Regional Planning degree and new graduate course proposals. I am writing to specifically ask for your support in the form of a memorandum to Jerry Weitz stating that you have no concerns or issues with these proposals. We would appreciate your response at your earliest convenience as we are in the final stages and expect to formally submit these proposals soon.

To simplify your review, please note that these proposals intersect with the Sociology Department in two ways:

1. The proposal would replace PLAN 5025, Coastal Area Planning and Development, with PLAN 4055 (undergraduate component by the same course name and content) and PLAN 6055 (graduate component). The BS in Applied Sociology lists this course as numbered now as an elective for that degree. If our proposal is approved, PLAN 5025 would be renumbered PLAN 4055 in the undergraduate catalog, PLAN 6055 in the graduate catalog, and PLAN 5025 would be eliminated. Since the course content will not change, we don't expect this will affect your degree in any way other than the elective course getting renumbered.
2. Secondly, our proposal would list certain sociology courses which can be chosen by a planning student for "concentrations" (two may be chosen in lieu of a minor). For your convenience, I've identified those courses and the concentration for which they would apply:
  - Coastal resources concentration: SOCI 3410

- Rural development: SOCI 3222
- Urban studies: SOCI 3225 and 3289

We are interested, therefore, as to whether these courses are routinely offered and whether there are other courses you might wish to suggest to list under these or other concentrations.

I have attached a copy of the course proposals for PLAN 4055 and PLAN 6055 if you would like to review the particulars. I have also submitted the explanatory memo summarizing the undergraduate curriculum revision proposal. If you need further information, please let me know.

Thanks very much.

Cheers,  
Burrell

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## Weitz, Jerry

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**From:** Allen, Tom  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2012 10:12 AM  
**To:** Weitz, Jerry  
**Subject:** COAS endorsement

Dear Jerry-

As Director of the Harriott College's Coastal and Marine Studies Interdisciplinary Minor (COAS), I am writing in support of the proposed planning curriculum changes. The two COAS courses (2025 and 4025) are still routinely offered each fall and spring semester, respectively. I am sure the students in the minor, elective enrolled students, and myself and other ad hoc instructors of these courses would welcome planning majors to enroll. A number of them have in the recent years and performed well, contributing to the kind of interdisciplinary discussion and insights that the minor aims to achieve. Likewise, the COAS minor will continue to benefit from your planned continuity in other planning classes that are electives to our program.

I do not foresee any logistical or substantive issue to preclude these changes. Please convey my note as a full endorsement of the changes vis-à-vis the COAS Minor.

Sincerely,  
Tom Allen  
Director, COAS Minor

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## Weitz, Jerry

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**From:** Long, Pat  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 12:57 PM  
**To:** Weitz, Jerry  
**Subject:** Curriculum changes for planning program

Jerry,

I appreciate the changes/additions you are suggesting for the graduate program in planning and feel they will also serve the needs of the MS in Sustainable Tourism students.

Best, Pat.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerry Weitz  
Associate Professor and Director, urban and Regional Planning  
Program

FROM: Robert J. Thompson  
Director, MPA Program

DATE: November 19, 2012

RE: Proposed Graduate Curricular Changes

I have reviewed the proposed curricular changes for the Urban and Regional Planning Program on behalf of the MPA and support their adoption.

The proposed course, PLAN 6075 Transportation Policy and Planning, parallels one of our MPA classes to some extent, but we believe they can reinforce one another. (PADM 6325. Transportation Policy (3) Analysis of US public policy toward transportation issues at both the state and federal levels. )

Please let me know if you have any questions.