



Board of Regents

University System of Ohio

John R. Kasich, Governor

John Carey, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Kent State University Master of Geographic Information Science

Request:

Kent State University requests approval for a Master of Geographic Information Science degree.

Background:

Kent State University is a public research institution with an eight-campus system in Northeast, Ohio: Kent (main campus); Ashtabula; East Liverpool; Geauga; Salem; Stark; Trumbull and Tuscarawas. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and has an enrollment of over 33,000 undergraduates and more than 6,000 graduate students. The university proposes a new Master of Geographic Information Science in the health, data science and environmental science sectors that is designed for post-graduates, especially those professionals in business, industry and government who desire enhanced Geographic Information Science knowledge to advance their careers (e.g. geographers, surveying and mapping technicians, cartographers and photogrammetrists) or to prepare for new careers.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The proposed curriculum is completed entirely online and consists of 32 semester hours. The entire degree (offered in seven week segments) can be completed in five semesters by taking one course at a time. The proposed program is comprised of 16 hours of core curriculum, nine hours of required concentration courses and six hours of electives. A practicum course representing the culminating experience is required.

The projected headcount for the initial cohort is 15 students, growing to 30 students in the next five years.

Faculty and Resources:

Qualified faculty, adequate facilities and resources are in place to begin the proposed program. No additional resources are needed to launch the Master of Geographic Information Science degree.

Recommendation:

The proposed new Master of Geographic Information Science meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degrees. The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study unanimously voted to recommend approval to the Chancellor.



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End of Comment Period: July 10, 2015 at 11:30am

No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION

The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

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Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Date

APPROVAL

John Carey F.M.W.

John Carey, Chancellor

7/14/15

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