Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the Department of Environmental Studies

WHEREAS, Graduate Council has determined that the new Graduate Certificate in the Department of Environmental Studies (ENS) would attract high quality degree and non-degree-seeking graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Certificate in GIS would provide students the opportunity to gain valuable GIS knowledge and skills that can be applied to careers in both academia and practice; and

WHEREAS, the ENS has a well-developed, sound pedagogical model for delivering the certificate courses both online and on campus; and

WHEREAS, the ENS has sufficient capacity to handle the demand for these courses; and

WHEREAS, the ENS recognizes that no additional faculty members will be needed to deliver the certificate courses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate approves the creation of the Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems in the Department of Environmental Studies.