EP.16.55 Report of Administrative Approvals at the February 8, 2016 meeting of the EPC.

Undergraduate Programs

BSLAS in Geography and GIS – Remove the footnote in the Academic Catalog page for this program that states “Students in the Physical Geography Concentration may fulfill the core by completing ATMS 100 and GEOG 103 and one of the five courses: GEOG 101, GEOG 104, GEOG 105, GEOG 106 and GEOG 110, with GEOG 371 or GEOG 379 not required.” The footnote was mistakenly left within the major during its last approved update, which was effective Fall, 2014. The Department always intended for all students to take GEOG 371, Spatial Analysis (4 hours) or GEOG 379, Intro to GIS Systems (4 hours). This revision does not alter the overall required hours for the concentration or for the major.

BSLAS in Integrative Biology – Revise the statistics requirement in the Integrative Biology concentration. The current requirement is “Statistics (an approved introductory statistics course). See the IB website for a course list: http://sib.illinois.edu/IB_Major.” The School of Integrative Biology has requested the requirement be changed to “STAT 212, Biostatistics (3 hours).” STAT 212 uses examples and homework assignment used by biologists and teaches students the beginnings of R-programming, a skill used increasingly by biologists in their statistical analyses. This revision does not alter the overall required hours for the concentration or for the major.