TO: Richard Koubek, President

FROM: Andrew Storer, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: April 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Senate Proposal 25-23

Attached is Senate proposal 25-23, “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Water Resources Systems,” and a memo stating the Senate passed this proposal at their April 19, 2023 meeting. I have reviewed this proposal and recommend approving the proposal.

I concur [ ] do not concur [ ] with the provost’s recommendation as stated in this memo.

Richard Koubek, President

4/24/23
At its meeting on April 19, 2023, the University Senate approved Proposal 25-23, “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Water Resources Systems”. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Proposal to Shelve Degree Program:
Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Water Resources Systems
Proposal 25-23
(Voting Units: Academic)
Submitted by:
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1. Full name of program to be shelved:
   - Sustainable Water Resources Systems Certificate

2. Final term program was open for new admits:
   - Fall 2022

3. Plan to complete all enrolled and returning students:
   - Zero students are currently enrolled in this graduate certificate program.

4. Reason for shelving:
   - Student demand for this certificate is non-existent, with low/no enrollment for several years.
   - This certificate is not administered by an academic department and suffers from a lack of attention from the academic units and faculty.
   - This certificate is twelve on-campus credit hours, and does not follow the current standard of nine on-line credit hours.
   - The course list for this certificate is unwieldy and needs to be revised.
   - We would like to shelve this certificate for 5 years; eventually eliminating this certificate.

5. Financial impact (if any) to the department and university:
   - This will eliminate the administrative expenses associated with maintaining the certificate webpage, course list/schedule, and creating the annual assessment plan.