

Contemplation of Program Discontinuance and Position Retrenchment
Program: **Rural and Regional Studies**
January 2011

Program Summary

The Rural and Regional Studies Department was formed as part of Southwest Minnesota State University's Center for Rural and Regional Studies. The department offers an 18 credit minor in Geography and an 18 credit minor in Rural and Regional Studies. A minor in Geography requires 18 credits; a minor in Rural and Regional Studies requires 18 credits.

Faculty

The program has one tenured faculty.

This proposal recommends the Rural and Regional Studies minor and Geography minor be discontinued, and that the Rural and Regional Studies Department be dissolved. The tenured faculty member would be retrenched.

Statistical Profile / Synopsis

The attached documents include: Instructional Cost Study data, five-year enrollments, number of majors by department, degrees awarded, College Now data, Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC) numbers, faculty salaries without summer session, and re-assigned time.

Total headcount in Rural and Regional (Geography) courses in academic year 2006 was 289; in 2011 the number was 260. The Student FYE for FY10 is 1.6. 96% (250) of the enrollments for FY10 are sited in 2 classes (RURL101 and RURL351). There are no majors in this program. The program has 1 course in College Now and 0 courses in LAC. No degrees were awarded in Rural and Regional Studies.

Per the Instructional Cost Study, the cost of lower-division instruction in the Program has risen from \$1,409 per FYE in FY 06 (the MnSCU System average was \$1,689) to \$1,632 in FY 09 (the System average was \$1,778). Over the same period, the total loss within the allocation model for the Program in lower-division courses rose from a net gain of \$4,513 to 0.

Upper-division courses in Rural and Regional Studies saw costs decline from \$3,811 in FY 06 (the MnSCU System average was \$2,759) to \$2,319 in FY 09 (the System average was \$3,157). Over the same period, the total instructional costs changed for the Program in upper-division courses. In FY 06, Rural and Regional Studies lost \$937. In FY 09, the Program gained \$2,730 in funding.

Relevant System Data

SMSU is one of three four-year state institutions that offer coursework in Geography.

Rationale

The five-year enrollment/fiscal data provided in the accompanying documents, staffing needs, current budget realities and the need to reallocate resources for maximum service to students and their continued success, have led to the proposal to discontinue the Rural and Regional Studies program. As indicated in the above figures, there is no sustained student demand for this particular program. The Faculty, in its recent revision of the Liberal Arts Core, eliminated the Rural and Regional Studies graduation requirement.

RURL - Geography - CIP 4507

Instructional Cost Detail

	Lower Division					Upper Division				
	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06
STUDENT FYE	1.6	23.0	27.8	24.7	31.1		5.3	6.2	5.3	1.3
Credits	48	690	834	741	933	-	160	186	159	39
Tuition Revenue	9,233	128,754	151,121	129,119	150,959	-	29,837	33,703	27,706	6,310
Total Instructional Costs	738	59,940	72,924	56,250	75,835		19,980	11,090	11,849	9,469
Instr Exp Per FYE	461	2,606	2,623	2,277	2,438		3,749	1,789	2,236	7,284
State Average Exp/FYE	2,948	3,460	3,360				5,935	5,069		
Non-Salary Operating Budget	288	601	1,924	580	338					

Instructional Costs - Without College Now

	Lower Division					Upper Division				
	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06
College Now FYE	1.6	3.1		3.7	2.7					
On Campus FYE	-	19.9	27.8	21.0	28.4	-	5.3	6.2	5.3	1.3
Credits	-	597	834	630	852	-	160	186	159	39
Tuition Revenue	9,233	111,400	151,121	109,778	137,854	-	29,837	33,703	27,706	6,310
Total Instructional Costs	738	57,063	69,243	53,087	541		22,857	11,090	11,849	9,469
Instr Exp Per FYE		2,867	2,491	2,528	19		4,288	1,789	2,236	7,284
State Average Exp/FYE	2,948	3,460	3,360				5,935	5,069		

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Institutional Allocation Detail

Institution	Lower Division					Upper Division				
	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06
Bemidji SU		1,629	2,380	1,858	1,936		3,318	1,928	2,013	2,517
Minnesota SU, Mankato		1,632	1,249	1,463	1,280		2,753	3,133	3,382	3,260
Southwest Minnesota SU		1,632	1,602	1,557	1,409		2,319	1,320	4,786	3,811
SMSU W/O College Now										
St Cloud		3,143	2,564	2,038	2,340		3,423	2,780	2,308	2,545
Winona		2,036	1,976	1,696	1,653			2,498	2,630	2,028
MnSCU System Average		1,778	1,739	1,579	1,689		3,157	2,704	2,800	2,759

Funding Data	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06
Total Gain/(Loss)	0	0	0	0	4,513		2,730	6,904	(6,960)	(937)
Gain/(Loss) per FYE	0	0	0	0	145		512	1,114	(1,313)	(721)
Total Gain/(Loss) W/O CN										
LOSS Per FYE W/O CN	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0

RURAL REGIONAL COURSE ENROLLMENTS (HEADCOUNT PER COURSE)
2005-2010

Crs Subj	Crs #	Title	Acad Year								Total
			2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
RURL	101	Introduction to Geography	268	276	210	221	186		195	1356	
	121	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	6							6	
	271	Environmental History	14		14	13	13		10	54	
	310	Environmental History							10	10	
	351	Cultural Landscapes	4	13	53	60	52		55	237	
	494	Dir Studies Rural Studie	2			2		1		5	
RURL Total			294	289	277	296	252		260	1668	

SMSU LIBERAL ARTS CURRICULUM
(as approved Dec, 2010)

Subject	Crs #	Number of sections offered										Grand Total			
		20063	20065	20073	20075	20083	20085	20093	20095	20103	20105				
ART	100	5	2	6	1	5	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	2	29
BIOL	100	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	18
	200	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
CHEM	110	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
	121	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
	231	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
ECON	201	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	34
	202	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	27
ENG	107	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	14
	151	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
ENVS	100	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
	180	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
FREN	101	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
	102	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
	201	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
HIST	202	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
	210	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	25
	221	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	11
HUMT	222	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	19
	242	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	9
	243	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	9
IDST	203	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
	400	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
JUAD	144	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	33

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		20063	20065	20073	20075	20083	20085	20093	20095	20103	20105			
LIT	100	1		2		2		1		1		1	1	6
	120													2
	150	1												4
	170		1											3
	200	5	1	5		4		6	4					46
	261	1		1	1	4		1	1	5				5
	262	1		1		1		1		1				9
	263	1		1		1		1		1				5
	264													4
	265		1		1		1		1					4
MATH	101	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30
	110	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
	115	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	39
	135	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
	140	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
	150	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	15
MUS	100	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	15
	101		1		1		1		1		1		1	5
	102	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
	104													2
PHIL	100	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	16
	103	1	2	2	3	2	3	2	4	2	4	2	3	25
	105													2
	107		1		1		1			1			1	6
	110													0
	230													2
240													2	
PHYS	121	1			1		1			1		1		5
	120	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23
POL	227	1		1		1		1		1		1		4
	101	8	5	7	5	6	4	7	4	6	3	3	3	55

Faculty Salary

(Based on HR Assignments - Includes Release time and Reassign time and Extra Duty Days)
(Excludes Benefits and Summer Session Salary)

Faculty Name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
RURL - Geography					
Amato	56,970	58,463	2,350	62,690	738