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PROPOSAL: Create the Climate Change Studies Undergraduate Certificate

Background

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of the Climate Change Studies Undergraduate Certificate offered by the School of Environment, Geography, and Sustainability in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Many students have expressed wanting to do the minor but did not want to add time to their degree because they would have too many courses to take with no double counting allowed. After discussions with potential minor students and the Climate Change Working Group, it was decided to create this undergraduate certificate and delete the minor so that students could double count courses that they take in their major/minor for this program. Many students indicated that if they could double count courses, they would be more willing to do the climate change studies program.

Recommended Action

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