MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 21, 2005
TO: Diane Horgan
    Associate Dean, Graduate College
FROM: Ed Doten
    Dean
RE: Proposed Graduate Certificate

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is strongly supportive of the proposal to create a Graduate Certificate Program in Water Policy, as submitted to you previously by Associate Dean David Cox of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

If approved, this Program would be a joint venture of the Departments of Geography and Regional Development (GRD) and Soil, Water and Environmental Science (SWES), in conjunction with the Water Resources Research Center. Faculty involvement would come from a number of other colleges and units across campus, although the primary administrative responsibilities will be housed in the Department of Geography and Regional Development.

Given the multi-unit participation exhibited in the planning of this Program, and in its eventual implementation if approved, this endeavor is truly an interdisciplinary one. The Certificate Program comes at a time when the importance of water policy has never been greater in Arizona and the Southwest in general, and its interdisciplinary nature is a focal point of the University.

All of this suggests the proposed Certificate Program in Water Policy will be of great benefit to students interested in obtaining some degree of formal training in water policy as well as to the University and its colleges.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

cc: J.P. Jones, Department Head, Geography and Regional Development

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