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Re: Discontinuing GISC Undergraduate Online Course Offerings

Dear GISC Students,

The GISC Faculty have decided to stop offering all GISC undergraduate online courses effective Fall 2016. Beginning in the Fall 2016 semester, we will revert back to offering in-person courses only.

The decision to end our online program was based on a number of factors. First, when we started offering online courses, we believed that we would see a significant increase in enrollment in our program from students throughout Texas. Unfortunately, the online-only degree did not have that effect. Second, the cost for providing an online-only section for each class is enormous; we currently do not have additional resources to support the online courses for a small number of students. Third, recording and administering online sections is taking professors' time away from otherwise it could be used benefitting all the students. In short, after offering courses online for four years, we have not seen enough enrollment to sustain the online program.

Online-only students that are currently enrolled in our online program that reside outside the Corpus Christi area will be accommodated to complete their studies. If you are one of the affected online-only students, please contact your faculty advisor before the end of the spring semester for more information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Richard Smith, GISC Program Coordinator, or any of the other GISC Faculty.

Sincerely,

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