

Instructional Material - Justification Due Date: October 28, 2016

DEPARTMENT: Geography

1. What will the money be used for? (i.e., software, videos, etc.) Please see attached for allowable items.

The Geography department equipment list has detailed listings for all requested items including a computer lab, dimmer switches for the L23 classroom, wall maps for L23 and documentary films for instruction.

2. How many students will benefit from this purchase?

The Geography department served 1,186 students (unduplicated count) in 2015-16. That figure has stayed at about that level since 2013. So the equipment and items requested are to serve all those students.

3. How does this enhance your Equity Goals?

The computer lab will provide in-class computer use time which will be particularly beneficial for students who have limited computer access. The visual medium will help students work with illustrations, maps and visuals to better understand theoretical concepts and processes. The wall maps in the classroom serve that same purpose. At present, students (especially those with limited computer access) mostly look at maps on their phones where the screen size is too small to allow maps to be displayed at the appropriate scales. The wall maps and the computer access is to enhance the visual and informational literacy of our students. The documentary films requested were selected to raise awareness about the multiplicity of cultures and help study the impact of globalization on the far corners of our world. Underrepresented minority populations are the themes of the films.

3. How does this enhance your Student Learning Outcomes?

The computer lab, the wall maps and the films are directly related to improving visual and informational literacy which are tied to SLOs for all Geography courses. They help students with the synthesis and analysis of geographic themes that are common to all of our SLOs.

5. Was this noted on your Program Review?

Yes, all the items on the list were listed in the 2015-16 Program Review and in fact, in the last several program reviews. That list includes the computer lab, the dimmer switches in L23, the wall maps in L23 and an updated documentary film list.