Encroachment or Opportunity? Geography in a World of Interdisciplinary Programs

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Questions

From Amelie Davis to All Panelists: 03:44 PM
@ Hengchun: How did the human geographers feel about the merge? (Geography with Geology => geosciences)

From Amelie Davis to All Panelists: 03:52 PM
@ Melissa: How much demand have you seen for those two professional programs?

From John Keyantash to All Panelists: 03:54 PM
RCM stands for what?

From Teo Ballvé to All Panelists: 04:00 PM
It would great to hear more about how creating a Global Studies program might help revive or increase undergrad interest in Geography (even if stealthily) and the challenge/dangers of doing that.

From Robin Lovell to All Panelists: 04:09 PM
I am the only geographer at Manhattan College, a SLAC in the Bronx. I founded the program here, which now offers a Minor and Concentration for Sociology majors. My question is: how do you justify/persuade the powers that be that funding a geography program will pay off in a very tenuous financial time?

From George Hurtt to Everyone: 04:10 PM
I would like to ask a question from the student perspective. How do we keep attracting students to “Geography” major, in the face of many newer more “interesting-sounding” programs to students and parents. Do we need to keep rebranding to compete? Or perhaps give up on majors focus and provide service courses to many other majors? Or balance somehow?

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From Alec Brownlow to Everyone: 04:11 PM
We are a stand alone Geography Department and have toyed recently with the idea of ‘expanding’ our name to Geography & Urban Studies (or something like that) to more intentionally solidify our faculty and curricular identity so as to better and sooner reach undergraduate students who, historically, tend to 'discover' Geography by accident. Also to better position ourselves within the college (where Geography is generally misunderstood if noticed at all), attract new hires, etc. We would love nothing more than remaining a Geography-only program, but …. My question is this: what are the possibilities, risks, and pitfalls of making such a move? (Hi Melissa!)

From Benjamin Ofori-Amoah to All Panelists: 04:11 PM
Kavita are there any other factors that come into play at Provost level that make collaboration a strategic move?

From Marina Karides to All Panelists: 04:16 PM
Aloha, thanks for the presentation. Does anyone have any thoughts with including ocean studies within Geography Departments? Or centering a multidisciplinary program on Oceans in Geography? And your thoughts on programs targeting professionals working in geography related fields?

From Debs Ghosh to All Panelists: 04:18 PM
To all panelists: How do you pitch both Geography and GIS distinctly to faculty from other depts and higher admin? I ask this because to keep a balance between GIS oriented research/teaching and (huge, rich) other sub domains of Geography.

From Yongmei Lu to Everyone: 04:20 PM
I was wondering if the panelists can share some insights /experience related to developing /embracing interdisciplinary programs under the current budget situation. New and more courses may be needed, but immediate summer and temporary and even permanent budget all got trimmed...