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Change of BS/MS and MS Program Names in Environmental Science and Biology

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Resolution #06_17_18UGGC

College Senate

Supersedes Res #: _____



TO: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President

FROM: The College Senate:

RE: I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)

II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)

→ III. Other, For Your Information (*Announcement, Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)

SUBJ: *Title #06_17_18UGGC (Change of BS/MS and MS program names to Environmental Science and Ecology)*

Implementation Effective Date**: Fall 2018

Signed: [Signature: Sandeep Singh] Date: 9/26/17
(Sandeep Singh, 2017-18 College Senate President)

Signed: [Signature: Eileen Daniel] Date: 9/26/17
(Dr. Eileen Daniel, Vice Provost, The College at Brockport)

****Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department.**
 YES / NO

Please fill out the bottom portion and follow the distribution instructions at the end of this page.

TO: Dr. Sandeep Singh, College Senate President

FROM: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President

RE: → I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)

- a. Accepted
- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ____/____/____
- c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation.
- d. Comments:

Signed: [Signature: Heidi Macpherson] Date: 10/17/17
(Dr. Heidi Macpherson, President, The College at Brockport)

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**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28**

Incomplete proposals will be returned and proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office 2017-2018</i>	#06_17_18UGGC <i>Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.</i>
This Proposal Replaces Resolution	

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
- Prepare ONE complete document in **Word format**: include this proposal cover page, proposal, attachments and support letters from your department chair and dean if applicable.
- **Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our "Approved Resolutions" page on our Web site.**
- Email completed proposal to senate@brockport.edu. (General Education Proposals and questions go to dlamphro@brockport.edu in the Vice Provost's Office first.)
- Make revisions on the paperwork emailed to you from the Senate office that shows the assigned routing number on top. Submit updated document to senate@brockport.edu.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. **PROPOSAL TITLE:** Please be somewhat descriptive, i.e. *Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc.*

Change of program names for BS/MS and MS programs in Environmental Science and Biology

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

Change of BS/MS and MS program names to Environmental Science and Ecology

3. **WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED?** NO YES **EXPLAIN**
YES

4. **DESCRIBE ANY DATA RELATED TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT USED AS PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUESTED SENATE ACTION.**

None needed.

5. **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

6. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

7. **SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES:** PLEASE DATE ALL REVISED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>

8. **SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>

9. **COMMITTEES: (Senate office use only)**

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	09/12/2017
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Senate	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies	Passed GED's go to Vice Provost	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	College President	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	OTHER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES:

1. Comparison of the old program and the new program:

Old program names (BS/MS, MS graduate programs): Environmental Science and Biology.

New program names (BS/MS, MS graduate programs): Environmental Science and Ecology

2. Brief rationale for proposed changes:

Currently, our BS/MS and MS programs are entitled, “Environmental Science and Biology.” However, in February 2017 the name of our department was changed from Environmental Science and Biology to Environmental Science and Ecology. Changing the names of the BS/MS and MS programs would reflect the name change for the department, provide consistency, and reduce any possible confusion for applicants to either the MS or BS/MS graduate programs.

3. Description of new courses: NA

4. Staffing: NA

5. Academic administration commentary:

5a. Letter from Dean, School of Arts and Sciences



The College at
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School of Arts and Sciences

Date: 11 September 2017

From: Jose Maliekal *Jmaliekal*
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

To: Sandeep Singh
President, College Senate

Re: Proposal by the Department of Environmental Science and Ecology to change the names of its MS and combined BS/MS programs.


I write to support the proposal that the Department of Environmental Science and Ecology is submitting to the College Senate to change the names of its MS and combined BS/MS degree programs from Environmental Science and Biology to Environmental Science and Ecology. The proposed changes represent a logical follow-up to the name change of the department. The new name more accurately reflects the curricular offerings.

5b: Letter from Department Interim Chair

To College Senate,

I am writing this letter as the Interim Chair of the Department of Environmental Science and Ecology in support of the proposed proposal to change the name of the BS/MS and MS programs, which will reflect the change of the departmental name.

Sincerely,



**Jacques Rinchar
Associate Professor and Interim Chair
Department of Environmental Science and Ecology**

6. Resources, facilities, and non-teaching staff needed: None.

7. Letters of support from cooperating departments:

- a. Letter from Department of Earth Sciences**
- b. Letter from Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry**

7A: Letter from Department of Earth Sciences

August 28, 2017

Dear Dr. Norment,

The Department of the Earth Sciences faculty have reviewed the proposal from the Department of Environmental Science and Ecology to change the names of the MS and BS/MS programs to reflect the change in the name of the department. We are happy to support these changes.

Cordially,



**Mark R. Noll, Ph.D.
Professor & Chair**

7B: Letter from Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

August 21, 2017

**Chris Norment
Professor and Chair
Department of Environmental Science and Ecology
The College at Brockport, SUNY**

Dear Chris:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in support of the proposed changes in the names of the BS/MS and MS programs to "Environmental Science and Ecology", which will reflect the change of your departmental name.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E Logan

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