



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Sustainable Environmental Design - New Major Request

November 15, 2013

The Human Ecology Department is requesting creation of a new major. Undergraduate Council has authority to approve new majors on behalf of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate. To assist in this effort, several standing committees are asked to review and submit comments that will be used by Undergraduate Council to inform their review of the major proposal.

CAP Oversight Committee

October 24, 2013 1:15 PM

CAP has reviewed this proposal and identified no issues that were within its purview.

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (LS: SOC SCI)

November 25, 2013 4:29 PM

No response at this time.

Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction

November 19, 2013 8:46 AM

No response at this time.

Graduate Council

November 15, 2013 9:27 AM

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November 13, 2013

RFC: Sustainable Environmental Design – New Major Request

The Graduate Council accepted the recommendations of the Academic Planning and Development (APD) Committee at its November 1, 2013 meeting in consideration of the above-mentioned Academic Senate Request for Consultation (AS RFC).

Graduate Council deemed the relevance to GC's purview was indirect. Some discussion ensued about the possibility of a master's level program being developed for the major, but that was not officially part of the current proposal. Members brought up the possible effect of increasing the demand on some foundation courses that were already highly impacted by large enrollments, such as introductory biology courses. The possibility of increased funding of graduate students through TAs associated with these required courses was discussed as one potential indirect effect.

Accordingly, Graduate Council's response was one of **no objection** to the creation of a new major.

Sincerely,



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Graduate Council

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Planning & Budget

November 19, 2013 8:46 AM

CPB reviewed the proposal for the new major in Sustainable Environmental Design. Overall, the committee endorses the proposal. The numbers are likely to be small so the impact on other programs is probably modest. They also appear to be doing this with existing faculty and personnel within LAWR. However, there may be budgetary implications for other departments who will be teaching some of the required courses for the major.

Research

November 19, 2013 8:47 AM

No response at this time.