REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:

The Environmental Public Health (ENPH) program was formally integrated into the Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies (WICES) within the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) in 2013. The current GE designation of ENPH courses is GE-V, since ENPH was previously located outside the College of Arts and Sciences. ENPH is an interdisciplinary program drawing upon the connections between human and environmental health. The interdisciplinary nature of the ENPH studies aligns well with GE IIF and GE IIIG subcategories (see supporting material for examples).

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. The timing of this motion is to enable ENPH to contribute to the GE program during the transition to the LE program. ENPH is simultaneously mapping their courses to align with the LE outcomes.
2. A recently added faculty member is allowing ENPH flexibility to offer up to three courses, ENPH, 110, 115 and 150. These courses could be taken for up to four or five years from now by students in or entering current catalogs.
3. ENPH 110 was formerly ENPH 210: Introduction to Environmental Health.
4. ENPH 115: Introduction to Global Environmental Public Health, considers health outcomes including those in the developing world, where societal and economic conditions are conspicuous but also highly important factors.
5. A new course (ENPH 150) is being proposed to address epidemiology and disease.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. Newly hired faculty member is already creating/teaching courses that fit the GE IIF and GE IIIG subcategories.
2. The university could serve more students by providing more seats in the GE IIF and GE IIIG subcategories.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None. Faculty member already hired.

Committee Recommendation:
Include the Environmental Public Health (ENPH) prefix in General Education Subcategories II-F, Interdisciplinary Studies-Natural Sciences, and III-G, Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of __9__ for to __0__ against on April 8, 2014

recommends that the Environmental Public Health (ENPH) prefix be included in General Education Subcategories II-F, Interdisciplinary Studies-Natural Sciences, and III-G, Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences.

Implementation Date: immediate

Signed: _______Jean A. Pratt______
Chair of the Committee

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