

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

The Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies program is requesting a change to the name of the program from “Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies” to “Public Health and Environmental Studies” for the next possible catalog. The primary rationale for the change is identity. The program now supports two public health majors (Public Health and Environmental Public Health) and the Public Health minor. The program also administers two environmentally themed minors and assist students in environmental and sustainability projects and learning experiences.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Impact of program name change on stakeholders outside of the program and in the community.
2. Will proposed program name change eventually lead to request to become a department?
3. Program name change only, not to any majors/minors.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. Program name change was supported by all faculty that contribute to the program.
2. Program name change will make it much easier for students to locate minors and majors.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the name of the program from “Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies” to “Public Health and Environmental Studies” for the next possible catalog.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 9 for to 0 against on October 13, 2020 (Date)

Recommends that:

The rename of the program from “Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies” to “Public Health and Environmental Studies” for the next possible catalog, starting 2021-2022 AY.

Implementation Date: 21/22 catalog

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Signed:

Chair of the Committee

Send to: University Senate Office