



April 17, 2017

Katherine McCormick
Chair, University of Kentucky Senate Council

Dear Dr. McCormick,

The Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure (SAOSC) considered the proposal to change the name of the Department of Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) to the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. The application was available online and the committee shared comments by email, using the “reply-all” option.

The impetus for the name change is primarily to better reflect the breadth of activities in the department and aid in recruitment of students and faculty. Unfortunately, the extent of activities was not described in the application but was described in a follow-up document they had prepared for use in CAFÉ discussions. Specifically:

“The current faculty make-up of our Department of Forestry embodies a holistic look at forest and aligned natural resources. Research and mentorship of graduate students by our faculty body represents a breadth of topics including forest health and ecological restoration, forest hydrology and watershed management, landscape and spatial ecology, natural resources policy and economics, silviculture and forest operations, urban ecology, wildlife ecology and conservation biology.”

We asked for, and obtained, a list of courses taught in the department which also supported the claim that the scope of the department included “natural resources”.

The Department of Forestry faculty voted for the name change with 10 in favor and 2 abstentions.

CAFE faculty council voted 7-0 in favor with 2 absent

CAFE chairs voted 14-0 in favor

CAFE undergraduate curriculum committee voted 8-0 in favor

CAFE Graduate Curriculum committee voted 7-0 in favor of the change.

The CAFE dean supports the change.

One aspect of the name change was controversial and was subject of discussion for several of these committees. In a February 18, 2016 letter, the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies degree (NRES), Prof David McNear, supported a MS degree name-change with the title “Forestry and Natural Resource Science” but noted

concern about the perception of overlap with their program. NRES is an interdisciplinary degree program offering an undergraduate in CAFE. Faculty in the Department of Forestry participate in the program but it is not administered through that department. The concerns were that the activity of the program would be competing with NRES. This was discussed extensively by the CAFE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and they decided to support the name change “... *with the understanding that the undergraduate Forestry degree program would remain distinct from the interdisciplinary NRES undergraduate degree program.*”

Unfortunately, no letter was provided from the NRES steering committee in connection with this application. It was clear that NRES faculty were aware of the change and involved in discussion within CAFE. The consensus of the SAOSC committee was to recommend approval of the name change based on the information provided. However, we also recommend that Dr. David McNear be invited to the Senate Council meeting when this is discussed to express the concerns of his committee and to be sure that the distinctions between the programs is clearly recognized.

In summary:

SAOSC recommends approval to change the name of the Department of Forestry to the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources.

On behalf of SAOSC,

Ernie Bailey, chair SAOSC

COVER PAGE FOR CHANGES TO ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION OR STRUCTURE OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT

The Senate’s Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) is tasked by the University Senate with the review of proposals to change academic organization or structure. The information needed by the SAOSC for the review of such proposals is set forth in *Senate Rules 3.4.2.A.5*¹.

The SAOSC has developed a set of guidelines (from the *Senate Rules*) that are intended to ease the task of proposal submission (available at <http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/forms.htm>). As proposal omissions usually cause a delay in the review process, the individual(s) responsible for the proposal is (are) urged to familiarize themselves with these guidelines before submitting their proposals for review. In particular, the individual responsible for the proposal must fill out Sections I, II and III of this form, as well as include statements and documentation that provide a full accounting of the items a - i, below.

- a. Disposition of faculty, staff and resources (financial and physical);
- b. Willingness of the donating units to release faculty lines for transfer to a different educational unit;
- c. Consultation with the faculty of the unit to which the faculty lines are proposed to be transferred;
- d. Consultation with the faculty of educational unit that will be significantly reduced;
- e. Summary of votes and viewpoints (including dissents) of unit faculty and department/college committees;
- f. Ballots, votes expressing support for or against the proposal by unit faculty and staff and committees;
- g. Letters of support or opposition from appropriate faculty and/or administrators; and
- h. Letters of support from outside the University.

Section I – General Information about Proposal

One- to two-sentence description of change:	This proposal is for a departmental name change Department of Forestry to Department of Forestry and Natural Resources				
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Administrative position (dean, chair, director, etc.):	Department Chair (Jeff Stringer) and Assistant Dean (Lisa Collins)				

Section II – Educational Unit(s) Potentially Impacted by Proposal

Check all that apply and name the specific unit(s).		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	School of:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	College of:	Agriculture, Food and Environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Center for:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interdisciplinary Instructional Program:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Multidisciplinary Research Center/Institute:	

Section III – Type of Proposal

Check all that apply.

¹ Items a-i are derived from *Senate Rules 3.4.2.A.5*. The Senate Rules in their entirety are available at http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/rules_regulations/index.htm.)

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<i>A. Changes</i>	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Change to the type of educational unit (e.g., from department to school).
<i>B. Other types of proposals</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creation of a new educational unit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consolidation of multiple educational units.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer of an academic program to a different educational unit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer of an educational unit to a different reporting unit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant reduction of an educational unit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discontinuation, suspension or closure of an educational unit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Give a one- or two-sentence description below; a complete description will be in the proposal).

Section IV is for internal use/guidance.

Section IV – Guidance for SAOSC, Senate Council and University Senate

SAOSC Review of Type A Proposals (Changes to Type of, or to Name of, an Educational Unit)

- ✓ SAOSC review of proposal.
- ✓ SAOSC recommendation for an additional or joint review by other Senate committee(s) (e.g. Senate's Academic Programs Committee).

SAOSC Review of Type B Proposals (All Other Changes)

- ✓ SAOSC review of proposal.
- ✓ SAOSC recommendation for an additional or joint review by other Senate committee(s) (e.g. Senate's Academic Programs Committee).
- ✓ SAOSC review of proposals for creation, consolidation, transfer, closure, discontinuation, or significant reduction and educational unit, or transfer of an academic program to a different educational unit (attach documentation).
- ✓ Program review in past three years (attach documentation).
- ✓ Request to Provost for new program review (attach documentation).
- ✓ Open hearing (attach documentation).
 - SAOSC information must be shared with unit 10 days prior to hearing.
 - Open hearing procedures disseminated.

Voting by SAOSC, Senate Council and University Senate

- ✓ Endorse (or do not endorse) the academic organization, reporting, infrastructure, etc.
 - This vote is taken by the SAOSC, SC and Senate for every SAOSC proposal.
- ✓ Approve (or do not approve) the academic status or content of academic program.
 - This vote is taken by the SAOSC, SC and Senate only when the review involves an MDRC.

Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC)
Guidelines for Preparing a Proposal for Change in Organization May
5, 2011 (revised December, 2013; October 2014)

This document provides guidance on the preparation of proposals to change (modify or create) the organizational structure of an academic unit focused primarily on the academic aspects of the structural change. The recommendations are based on the experience of previous proposal documents and issues that have come up through the vetting process. Your proposal should consider that some members of the SAOSC committee, Senate Council, and University Senate may not be familiar with the relevant academic disciplines. Some suggested questions may not be applicable to every proposal but after reviewing a number of proposals these areas are often brought up during discussion. The hope is to shorten the time it takes to reach a proposal decision for proposers.

When submitting a proposal that may be reviewed by multiple Senate committees, anticipate that these committees will focus on different criteria in accordance with their charges. The SAOSC committee devotes much attention to issues such as the rationale for a unit's existence and structure, staffing sources, leadership selection processes, evidence of sustained financial viability and documentation of consultation with affected parties.

The following is a list of questions that may be applicable to your proposal. Address those items which are pertinent in the text of your proposal.

- 1) What is the impetus for the proposed change?

This departmental name change is part of an initiative to include the breadth of disciplines covered by the department within the official name.

This change will more accurately reflect the wide range of subject matter currently covered in the department's research, teaching, and extension enterprises. This name change will also aid in student recruitment at the undergraduate and graduate levels and will more accurately describe the expertise in the department on research collaborations and proposals.

This change also allows the department name to align with the new Master of Science program name change (approved by the Senate on April 29, 2016) and the proposed new PhD program (Forest and Natural Resource Sciences) which is in progress.

- 2) What are the benefits and weaknesses of the proposed unit with specific emphasis on the academic merits for the proposed change?

Not applicable. There is no "proposed" unit. This proposal is for a name change to an existing unit.

- 3) Describe the organization of the current structure and how the proposed structure will be different and better. Current and proposed organizational charts are often helpful in illustrating reporting lines.

Not applicable. There is no proposed change to organizational structure.

- 4) How does the change fit with department, college, and/or university objectives and priorities?

The proposed name change supports the University and College strategic goals of increased undergraduate and graduate student recruitment, and increased research competitiveness by more adequately describing the breadth of diverse instruction and research opportunities within the department.

- 5) How does this change better position the proposers relative to state and national peers, as well as University Benchmark Institutions? How does the change help UK meet the goals of its strategic plan?

Refer to item 4 above.

- 6) Who are the key personnel associated with the proposed unit? Provide qualifications of these personnel in a brief form. A complete curriculum vitae for each person is not needed, although pertinent information in tabular format is helpful.

Not applicable. The personnel will remain as is, no changes needed to support this name change.

- 7) Discuss leadership and selection process for appointing a chair, a director, or interim leader and search process, etc.

Not applicable. The process will remain as is, no changes needed to support this name change.

- 8) What is the function of the faculty/staff associated with the proposed change and how is that relationship defined? Discuss DOE, adjunct, full-time, voting rights, etc.

Not applicable. The function of faculty/staff will remain as is, no changes needed to support this name change.

- 9) Will the proposed change involve multiple schools or colleges?

No

- 10) If the proposed change will involve transferring personnel from one unit to another, provide evidence that the donor unit is willing and able to release the personnel.

Not applicable. The proposed name change does not involve transferring personnel.

- 11) What is the arrangement of faculty associated with the proposed change and how is that relationship defined? Discuss faculty DOE and status as adjunct, tenure track, or tenured.

Describe the level of faculty input in the policy-making process including voting rights and advisory.

Not applicable. The faculty arrangement will not change with this name change.

12) Discuss any implications of the proposal for accreditation by SACS and/or other organizations.

Not applicable. This department name change does not impact programs or curriculum.

13) What is the timeline for key events in the proposed change? Student enrollments, graduates, moved programs, closed courses, new faculty and staff hires, etc.

The only key event is the official implementation of the proposed name change. We aim to have the new name in effect by July 1, 2017.

14) If the proposal involves degree changes*, describe how the proposed structure will enhance students' education and make them more competitive. Discuss the impact on current and future students. State assumptions underlying student enrollment growth and describe the plans for student recruitment.

Not applicable. The proposed change does not involve degree or program changes.

15) Include evidence that adequate financial resources exist for the proposed unit to be viable. A general description of the new costs and funding should be provided. A letter from the Provost, Dean, or other relevant administrators may affirm commitment to provide financial resources as appropriate. An exhaustive budget is not expected.

Not applicable. The proposed change involves only a name change to existing department, no new budget is needed.

16) The proposal should document any faculty votes and departmental or school committee votes as appropriate leading up to this point in the process. The SAOSC recommends that faculty votes be by secret ballot. Include in your documentation of each vote taken the total number of eligible voters and the number that actually voted along with the break-down of the vote into numbers for, against and abstaining. A Chair or Dean may appropriately summarize supporting and opposing viewpoints expressed during faculty discussions.

Department faculty has voted to accept the name change, with a vote of 10 in favor and 2 abstentions. Documentation of the vote is attached.

17) The committee will want to see evidence of academic merit and support from key parties. Letters of support (or opposition) are encouraged from the relevant senior faculty and administrators. Relevant faculty and administrators include those in units directly involved in the proposed change (including existing units from which a new unit may be formed.)

The following college committees/groups have voted, and evidence for each is attached.

- CAFE Department Chairs: December 14, 2016, unanimous (14-0) vote in favor of the change
- Department of Forestry Faculty: October 17, 2016, 10 in favor, 2 abstentions
- CAFE Faculty Council: April 4, 2017, 7 in favor and 0 opposed, 2 not present for vote
- CAFE Dean and Associate Deans: November 21, 2016 unanimous (4-0) vote in favor of the change
- CAFE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, February 17, 2017, unanimous (8-0) vote in favor of the change
- CAFE Graduate Curriculum Committee: February 17, 2017, unanimous (7-0) vote in favor of the change

18) Indicate how the new structure will be evaluated as to whether it is meeting the objectives for its formation. Timing of key events is helpful.

Not Applicable. There is no new structure to evaluate.

19) Letters of support from outside the University may be helpful in understanding why this change helps people beyond the University.

Not Applicable. This is not a change to the programs or the service provided to stakeholders. All operations of the department will remain as they are. This is only a name change.

* Note that new programs and courses will need to be vetted through appropriate channels beyond this committee.

Information for Department Name Change Discussion at CAFE Faculty Council Meeting

Since its inception in the United States more than 100 years ago, the discipline of forestry has broadened to encompass the entire suite of resources and ecosystem services provided by forests. Likewise, departments such as ours have endeavored to work beyond the boundaries of forested systems and our resulting research, teaching, and extension efforts impact a diversity of natural resources. The current faculty make-up of our Department of Forestry embodies a holistic look at forest and aligned natural resources. Research and mentorship of graduate students by our faculty body represents a breadth of topics including forest health and ecological restoration, forest hydrology and watershed management, landscape and spatial ecology, natural resources policy and economics, silviculture and forest operations, urban ecology, wildlife ecology and conservation biology. The renaming of our department to “Forestry and Natural Resources” helps to capture this wider view of how we contribute to the University, the scientific community, and our stakeholders within and beyond the Commonwealth.

It should be noted that a recent name change of our MS program was approved by the University and is aligned with this proposed departmental name revision; the current name of our MS program is “Forest and Natural Resources Sciences”. Our proposed PhD program currently under review carries the same name as our current MS program. It must also be stated that the department’s mission and scope in undergraduate instruction will remain unchanged from our commitment to providing a professional forestry BS degree accredited by the Society of American Foresters and key contributions to the CAFE-wide Natural Resource and Environmental Science BS program.

The role of the Department of Forestry here at University of Kentucky as part of its Land Grant mission is to focus on the goods and services provided by forests and associated natural communities. We educate forestry professionals in our BS degree program, we train graduate students in diverse areas of study, research faculty address many basic and applied aspects of forests and related natural resources, and our extension group supports the general public, family forest owners, forestry professionals, and the 9 billion dollar forest products industry in the Commonwealth. There is wide precedent across higher education institutions within the United States for including “natural resources” along with “forestry or forest” to better define the breadth of a college, school, department, or academic degree program. Our proposed departmental name revision was intentionally constructed to maintain the term “forestry” as this is the primary theme that unites our diverse faculty and what identifies us to our key industry stakeholders. However, we feel strongly that a department name with this sole term does not fully describe our faculty or the breadth of impact the department has on all facets of the Land Grant mission. Therefore, after much reflection, our department felt that the addition of “natural resources” was necessary to directly address the need for a unit name that best describes who we are as a department and the extent of our contributions.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Katherine McCormick
Senate Council Chair

FROM: Nancy Cox, Dean *Nancy M. Cox*

DATE: April 5, 2017

RE: Departmental Name
From: Department of Forestry
To: Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

A name change for the Department of Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has been approved by vote by the following faculty bodies:

- Department of Forestry faculty: October 17, 2016, 10 in favor, 2 abstentions
- CAFE Faculty Council: April 4, 2017, 7-0 in favor, 2 not present for vote
- CAFE Department Chairs: December 14, 2016, unanimous (14-0) vote in favor
- CAFE Dean and Associate Deans: November 21, 2016 unanimous (4-0) vote in favor of the change
- CAFE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, February 17, 2017, unanimous (8-0) vote in favor of the change.
- CAFE Graduate Curriculum Committee: February 17, 2017, unanimous (7-0) vote in favor of the change.

The associate deans and I also fully support the name change to Forestry and Natural Resources.

This change will more accurately reflect the wide range of subject matter currently covered in the department's research, teaching, and extension enterprises. This name change will also aid in student recruitment at the undergraduate and graduate levels and will more accurately describe the expertise in the department on research collaborations and proposals.

Supporting documents regarding the departmental vote and other college votes are attached.

Thank you.



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Attachments

1. Memo from Department Chair to Dean Cox re: faculty vote and date
2. Memo from Lynn Rieske-Kinney re: Faculty Council vote and date
3. Memo from Bob Houtz re: Department Chairs vote and date
4. Memo from Larry Grabau re: CAFE UCC vote and date
5. Memo from Larry Grabau re: CAFE GCC vote and date



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Cox, Dean

FROM: Terrel T. "Red" Baker, Forestry Department Chair
Jeff Stringer, Forestry Department Interim Chair (beginning March, 2017)

DATE: March 15, 2017

RE: Departmental Name Change
From: Department of Forestry
To: Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

The Forestry Department faculty originated and strongly supports the proposed department name change by ten in favor and two abstentions on October 17, 2016.

The departmental name change proposal is part of a more comprehensive process, which includes the previously approved MS program name change, and a current proposal for a new PhD program in the department.

We anticipate that the department name change will better support our graduate and undergraduate recruiting efforts, as well as funding opportunities, by better representing the breadth of our instruction, research, and extension foci.

Thank you for your support of this proposal.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Cox, Dean

FROM: Lynn Riese-Kinney, Faculty Council Chair



DATE: April 5, 2017

RE: Departmental Name Change
From: Department of Forestry
To: Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

A name change for the Department of Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has been approved by vote by the CAFE Faculty Council on April 4, 2017 with a vote of seven in favor, and zero opposed. Two council members were not present for the official vote, but they both notified the council that they are in favor as well. The official 7-0 vote represents a quorum.

The council supports this change to more accurately reflect the breadth of subject matter currently covered in the department.

Thank you.



Robert L. Houtz, Professor

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December 14, 2016

Dr. Nancy M. Cox, Dean
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Dear Dean Cox:

At the December Chairs and Directors meeting (December 14, 2016) Dr. Red Baker proposed a name change for the Department of Forestry to the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. A motion was made by Dr. David Horohov (Chair, Department of Veterinary Science) seconded by Dr. Wes Harrison (Chair, Department of Community & Leadership Development) to approve the name change. A subsequent vote by all of the Chairs except one was unanimous in support of the change (13). The absent Chair was approached later and also agreed to the name change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert L. Houtz
Chair, Department of Horticulture

xc: Dr. Rick Bennett, Associate Dean for Research
Dr. Larry Grabau, Associate Dean for Academic Programs
Dr. Jimmy Henning, Associate Dean for Extension
Dr. Lisa Collins, Assistant Dean for Academic Administration

February 27, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean Nancy Cox, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Larry J. Grabau
FROM: Larry J. Grabau, Associate Dean for Instruction, College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment, University of Kentucky
RE: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) Review of Forestry
Department Name Change Proposal

On February 17, 2017, the UCC met in a regular curriculum session; the agenda for their meeting that day included a consideration of the proposal from the Forestry Department for a name change. After extensive discussion, including review of a letter from the NRES Steering Committee to the Forestry Department Chair regarding this matter, Brown moved to support the name change of the Forestry Department to the Forestry and Natural Resources Department with the understanding that the undergraduate forestry degree program remain distinct from the interdisciplinary NRES undergraduate degree program. Haynes seconded the motion and the UCC voted 8-0 in favor. The intent is that the UCC's documentation of this decision include a formal memo from Grabau to the Dean reflecting the above motion (to be reviewed by the UCC before being forwarded), and that both these minutes and the NRES letter to the Forestry Department Chair be attached as a formal part of the record.

To that end, both the February 17, 2017 UCC minutes and the NRES letter (dated February 18, 2016) are attached.

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Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) Minutes, February 17, 2017

Recorded by Larry Grabau.

Members Present: Brown, Crofchek, Haynes, Lee, Lhotka, McNear, Shelton, Vincent (8 of 13 voting members), Grabau (chair, non-voting).

Guest Present: Rieske-Kinney.

Agenda Item #1: Minor Change in ENT 561. This minor change was presented by Grabau on behalf of Obrycki. The essence of the intended change was to add a cross-listing (CPH) at the request of the College of Public Health, in order to make this course more accessible to their students. The UCC suggested two additional “clean-up” steps be taken as part of this proposal: i) to replace the “and” in the transcript title with an “&” in order to avoid truncation of the final word, and ii) to clarify the meaning of “one year of biology” (and perhaps add “or instructor consent”) in the prerequisite statement. Lee moved to accept the course, Brown seconded and the motion carried by an 8-0 vote.

Agenda Item #2: Forestry Department name change; this item was presented by UCC member Lhotka (who is also a member of the Forestry Department). The proposed name “Forestry and Natural Resources Department” reflects firstly the name of the undergraduate forestry program and secondly the inclusion of the already-renamed MS program (Forest and Natural Resource Sciences) and the in-process-of-being-renamed PhD program (also Forest and Natural Resource Sciences). The intent is to enhance the marketability of the program. The question was asked whether or not the undergraduate Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) program is housed within the Forestry Department; the answer was that no, the NRES program is an interdisciplinary program is one in which the Forestry Department takes part and provides instruction for students, but does not “control.” After an extensive discussion, including review of a letter from the NRES Steering Committee to the Forestry Department Chair on this matter, Brown moved to support the name change of the Forestry Department to the Forestry and Natural Resources Department with the understanding that the undergraduate forestry degree program remain distinct from the interdisciplinary NRES undergraduate degree program. Haynes seconded the motion and the UCC voted 8-0 in favor. The intent is that the UCC’s documentation of this decision include a formal memo from Grabau to the Dean reflecting the above motion (to be reviewed by the UCC before being forwarded), and that both these minutes and the NRES letter to the Forestry Department Chair be attached as a formal part of the record.

Agenda Item #3: MAT re-revision. Due to a lack of clarity around the specific nature of the requested revision, Lee moved to table this agenda item until a later date, the motion was seconded (by Vincent, I believe) and the motion to table carried by an 8-0 vote.

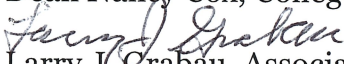
Agenda Item #4: ENT 402, major course change to ENT 502 (to accommodate graduate students. Presented by Rieske-Kinney. Since this course is required by undergraduate

students in forestry, and since the new number would increase the likelihood that graduate students in the forest and natural resource sciences MS program would enroll (the course is and will remain cross-listed with FOR), the group requested a formal letter of support for the proposal from forestry representatives of both the undergraduate (Lhotka) and graduate (Wagner) programs. Several syllabus issues were noted, including the proper handling of missed laboratories for excused absences, as well as some University-required items which would be expected at the next level of review (Undergraduate Council). Some clarification of graduate expectations, along with sharpening of student learning outcomes, was also requested. In addition, the group asked for a clarification of what might be intended by “one year of biology” in the prerequisite statement. Brown moved to approve (pending revisions); Lee seconded; and the motion carried by an 8-0 vote.

February 18, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean Nancy Cox, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

FROM: 
Larry J. Grabau, Associate Dean for Instruction, College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment, University of Kentucky

RE: Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) Review of Forestry Department
Name Change Proposal

On February 17, 2017, the GCC met in a regular curriculum session; the agenda for their meeting that day included a consideration of the proposal from the Forestry Department for a name change to the Forestry and Natural Resources Department. After a discussion of the proposal, Dillon moved to approve, Dyk seconded, and motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

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February 18, 2016



Dr. Terrell T. "Red" Baker
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Subject: NRES input on M.S. Forestry name change

Dear Dr. Baker,

The Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) steering committee has reviewed the documents justifying the proposed name change for the M.S. graduate degree program from *'Master of Science in Forestry'* to *'Master of Science in Forest and Natural Resource Science'*. The supporting documentation provides reasonable justification for the name change and the committee feels it is representative of the breadth of disciplines covered by the Forestry Department at the graduate level. A majority of the NRES steering committee members have weighed-in and support the name change. There was some concern raised about confusion prospective students might have with the new name sharing the "Natural Resource" component with NRES, particularly if this new name were to 'creep' from the M.S. degree into the B.S. Forestry degree or the proposed departmental name change. Changes in the B.S. degree or the department name would be viewed by the committee to be in more direct conflict with the B.S. in NRES degree. While we are absolutely committed to supporting new or restructured environmental and natural resources programs on our campus we are steadfast in our opinion that any new offerings should be novel and not perceived in any way to be in direct competition with established programs. This type of competition is of no benefit to the students, departments, or University.

We thank you for soliciting input from NRES on this name change and hope that we can continue to work collaboratively to increase the breadth and depth of environmental and natural resource offerings on our campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. McNear Jr.".

David H. McNear Jr.
Director of undergraduate studies for NRES
On behalf of the NRES steering committee

Chris Matocha, *Plant and Soil Sciences*
Kevin Yeager, *Earth and Environ. Sci.*
Robert Paratley, *Forestry*

Jack Scheiffer, *Ag. Economics*
Brian Lee, *Landscape Architecture*
Mary Arthur, *Forestry*