WHEREAS, the Science of the Environment concentration in the Chemistry or Biology degree would provide students with the knowledge and skills that lead to productive careers and would therefore align with the mission of UIS; and

WHEREAS, the Science of the Environment concentration would provide students with an understanding of the scientific principles of the environment necessary to succeed in a fast growing field with demonstrated demand; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative efforts of the Chemistry and Biology departments to create cross-disciplinary concentrations are relevant and timely given the interest in interdisciplinary STEM research and teaching nation-wide; and

WHEREAS, the departments will use existing instructional resources to offer the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 3, 2010, the Undergraduate Council unanimously endorsed the proposed Science of the Environment concentration in Chemistry and Biology;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate at the University of Illinois at Springfield support and approve the Science of the Environment concentration in Chemistry and Biology.