UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
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RESOLUTION 36-12

Proposed Name Changes for Two M.A. in
Environmental Studies Concentrations

BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield hereby approves the names changes in Environmental Studies Concentrations.
Date: October 11, 2006

To: Graduate Council

From: Sharron LaFollette, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Environmental Studies

Re: Proposed Name Changes for Two M.A. in Environmental Studies Concentrations

The Department of Environmental Studies has completed assessment across the curriculum in order to realign two concentrations with advancements in academic and career goals for these disciplines. Consistent with the proposed curriculum changes reviewed and approved through the governance process, the Department requests name changes for two concentrations in the M.A. in Environmental Studies degree.

- Natural Resources and Sustainable Development renamed to Sustainable Development and Policy
  - **Justification:** By dropping the reference to natural resources, the proposed name change better reflects the broader goals and environmental concepts reflected in this concentration. For public policy to achieve lasting and positive results in social, environmental, and economic systems, sustainable development stresses the need to understand the interdependence of each system on the other two. In addition, changing the concentration name further distinguishes this concentration from the environmental planning concentration (see proposed name changes below)
  - **Consequences:** None beyond creating a concentration name consistent with advances in this area of study.

- Environmental Policy, Planning, and Administration renamed to Environmental Planning and Management
  - **Justification:** The proposed name change reflects a revision in the curriculum which emphasizes environmental planning and management. This change better reflects the broader goals and concepts of this revised concentration. Effective environmental planning and management strategies are critical for identifying and achieving environmental goals. The ability to formulate such a plan or strategy requires emphasis on planning process and tools, regulatory and technical management strategies. Students interested in a more general emphasis on environmental policy will be directed to the revised Sustainable Development and Policy concentration.
Consequences (on campus) None beyond creating a concentration name consistent with advances in this area of study.

The proposed name changes are requested in order to further distinguish each concentration and realign curriculum relative to advances and changes in careers needing preparation in these areas. The proposed name changes were completed by assessing across curriculum, evaluating trends in similar academic programs nationwide, and reviewing placement criteria for individuals seeking employment in career paths generally fed through these areas of study. No additional faculty are required in conjunction with the proposed name changes.