Resolution to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies in the College of Public Affairs and Administration

WHEREAS, the new undergraduate major in Environmental Studies (ENS) will provide students with the necessary skills to engage in the many processes that are necessary to confront the challenges citizens, businesses, governments, and non-governmental organizations, among others, face in light of rapidly changing modern global environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the ENS BA will equip students with the analytical tools for understanding and engaging in concerns related to the natural and social world; and

WHEREAS, this program will offer multi-disciplinary curriculum with interdisciplinary learning goals, incorporating the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities, to ensure that graduates will gain a holistic understanding of complex environmental concerns and their natural, social, and ethical implications; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2011, the Undergraduate Council voted unanimously in support of the revised ENS BA Application for a New Public Degree Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield approves the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies in the College of Public Affairs and Administration as described in the Application for a New Public Degree Program.