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Subject: 646914 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:26:22 PM
Attachments: [2021.04.21.16.23.28.75.FormData.html](#)
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Lisa Shipley has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: shipley@wsu.edu.

Requested change: Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

Degree: M.S. in Natural Resource Science

Title: thesis

Requested Effective Date: Fall 2022

Drop: Yes

Dean: Zack, Rich - Assoc Dean - CAHNRS, Swindell, Samantha - Assoc Dean - CAS

Chair: Keller, Kent – Director – Environment ,

Catalog Subcommittee
Approval Date

AAC, PHSC, or GSC
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Faculty Senate
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Subject: Re: 646914 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
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I approve. -Kent Keller.

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Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4:26 PM
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1. I approve this proposal in its current form.
2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.
3. I do not approve this proposal. Please return to submitter.

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Thank you for your assistance as we embark on this new process. If you have any

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Subject: FW: 646914 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:54:15 PM
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Subject: Re: 646914 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 7:48:55 PM

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Rich Zack

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M.S. in Natural Resource Sciences thesis option Drop plan

Rationale:

The School of the Environment (SoE) was created in 2013 as a merger of the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Natural Resources. Over the past 8 years the faculty and staff in SoE have worked to combine and leverage their wide-ranging disciplinary expertise toward building a single School, with a shared vision, mission, and goals. An early step in this process was to combine all of the pre-existing B.S. degrees into a single, interdisciplinary degree (B.S. Earth and Environmental Sciences), with multiple majors that reflect the disciplinary strengths within the School. The next step is now to revise the M.S. degrees within SoE to reflect these strengths.

When the School of the Environment (SoE) formed, it merged faculty in the Environmental Science Program and the Natural Resource Science Programs. However, for the last 8 years, SoE has maintained 2 M.S. thesis option degree plans in these areas, 1 in Environmental Science (offered on the Pullman campus, and extended to the Vancouver and Tri-Cities campuses) and 1 in Natural Resource Science (offered on the Pullman campus). The degree requirements are currently very similar, so to streamline our graduate programs, we plan to drop the M.S. in Natural Resource Science thesis option, and change the name of the Environmental Science thesis option to “Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences thesis option”. This is the same name as our current combined Ph.D. plan in Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences.

The MS in Natural Resource Science will be available for up to two years past the approval date of the name change of the MS in Environmental Sciences to the MS in Environmental and Natural Resource Science (MS in ENRS has passed Graduate Studies Committee and is expected to be approved by Faculty Senate in fall 2021). Any student making satisfactory progress in the MS in NRS can transfer to the MS in ENRS once it is available. Because this closure is part of a name change, faculty and courses will continue to be available to students in the MS in NRS.