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*To Senate Council
not an Undergraduate
Council proposal.*

10-01-04A11:25 RCVD

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**Academic Organization and Structure Committee Review
and Consultation Summary Sheet**

Proposal Title: change dept name from Department of Geological Sciences to Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Contact: Frank Ettensohn, Professor and Chair (fettens@uky.edu 7-3758) or David P. Moecher, Associate Professor (moker@uky.edu 7-6939)

Instruction: To facilitate the processing of this proposal please identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal, identify a contact person for each entry, provide the consequences of the review (specifically: approval, rejection, no decision as well as vote outcome, if any) and attach a copy of any report or memorandum developed with comment on this proposal.

Reviewed by:	Contact:			Review Outcome	Date of review	Review Summary
dept/prg faculty				approved	3/3/03	no
dept chair/prg dir	Frank Ettensohn	ettensohn@uky.edu	7-6933	approved	4/22/03	memo, yes
college area committee	Tom Troland	troland@uky.edu	7-8620	approved	12/2/03	report, yes
college council	Tom Troland	troland@uky.edu	7-8620	approved	12/9/03	report, yes
Tracey Farmer Ctr	Dave Atwood	datwood@uky.edu	7-7304	approved	3/17/04	e-mail, yes
HES, Ag	Nancy Cox	nancy.cox@uky.edu	7-3333			
Biology	Chuck Staben, dpt chair	staben@email.uky.edu	7-8641	approved	2/2/03	e-mail, yes
Chemistry	Boyd Haley, dpt chair	behaley@uky.edu	7-7080	approved	2/26/03	e-mail, yes
dean of A&S	Steve Hoch	steven-hoch@email.uky.edu	7/5821	approved	3/15/04	memo, yes
undergrad council committee						
undergrad council						
senate council office						



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22 April 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean Howard Grotch

FROM: Frank R. Ettensohn, Chair, Geological Sciences *F.R.E.*

RE: Name change for Department of Geological Sciences

In our last faculty meeting, the Department of Geological Sciences voted to change the Department's name to Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. You may recall that we had tried to institute the same name change five years ago, and that the proposed change made it through all the necessary administrative levels except for the Chancellor, who felt that the name was too similar to that of the College of Human Environmental Sciences, and hence did not approve the request. Now that this College will soon cease to exist, we would like to have our request reconsidered. As a result, I am writing now to solicit your help in steering our request through the proper channels, and to explain what has prompted us to request the change.

As you are probably aware, over the last fifteen years, the entire context of earth sciences (or geology as it is commonly known) has changed. The discipline has evolved from a profit-oriented, exploitative approach to one that emphasizes understanding the earth as a system and the remediation of current and past environmental ills. The word "geology" or "geological," moreover, conveys to most people the concept of rocks or the study of rocks, and as practiced today, the field is so much broader than the study of rocks. Overall, the field has become more interdisciplinary and "environmental" in scope, and a consensus has developed in our Department that if we are to be a strong and viable Department for the University and the State, we must continue to move aggressively in this applied "environmental" direction. So the proposed name change reflects our wish to become part of an already ongoing and significant trend in the discipline.

Aside from the national trends, however, the name change reflects a very real change in the nature and makeup of the Department. Our last five regular faculty hires have all been in environmental aspects of the field, and several of our other faculty are moving in this direction through changes in their areas of research. And regardless of how we are changing our research, we have all agreed to change our teaching to include more applied, environmental components. In addition, together with Civil Engineering, we were funded last year through NSF/EPSCoR to develop an Environmental Research and Training Laboratory (ERTL) for environmental

research. So together with our adjunct faculty from the Kentucky Geological Survey and Center for Applied Energy Research, we have built a viable core of faculty and infrastructure for teaching and research in the environmental field.

Again, why do we want to do this? Quite simply, the environmental field is the center of greatest job demand. The status of the earth sciences has always been tied in large part to the job market. In the past, it was the exploration for and exploitation of natural resources like minerals, oil and gas that largely drove the discipline. Now, however, the plethora of state and federal environmental regulations, the needs of an expanding population, and a new societal consciousness are driving the discipline very rapidly toward environmental concerns and a more conservation-oriented approach. And really, what better place to deal with these kinds of concerns than in a discipline whose expressed function is to study the earth and understand how it functions?

Moreover, geology-related environmental hazards, like earthquakes, groundwater pollution, flooding, slumping and sliding, as well as karst and mine collapse, are so prevalent in Kentucky, not to mention the global implications of climate change, that much of our faculty and graduate student research is now involved in these areas. Hence, it should come as no surprise that the environmental field is where most of our students want to work and where most of them find jobs. Quite simply, the proposed name, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, has the advantage of still reflecting our more traditional geologic role of studying and understanding the Earth (Earth Sciences), while at the same time conveying the integral nature of our more applied environmental role. We believe the proposed name change does this and will enable us to reach out more effectively to many more students. At the same time, the name change should help to dispel some of the more exploitative and, what some consider, "unexciting" connotations of "studying rocks."

We also realize that there are several other units on campus that are engaged in environmental research and teaching, and it is not our intention to affect in any way to what they are doing. However, what we do hope is that the name change will call more attention to the environmental aspects of our field and broaden our collaborative appeal for joint teaching and research.

Realizing the benefits of such a name change, several other former geology departments have changed their name to Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and related names. A list of these schools is attached for your information.

If I can provide any further information on the justification for the name change, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your consideration.

SCHOOLS WITH SIMILAR OR RELATED DEPARTMENT NAMES

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Columbia University
California State University, Fresno
George Washington University
Lehigh University
Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
University of Greenwich, U.K.
University of Pennsylvania
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Rochester
University of Texas at San Antonio
Vanderbilt University
Wesleyan University

Closely Related Names

University of California, Los Angeles, Dept. of Earth and Space Sciences
Cornell University, Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Duke University, Division of Earth and Ocean Sciences
The Johns Hopkins University, The Morton K. Blaustein Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Lafayette College, Dept. of Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dept. of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences
Montclair State University, Dept. of Earth and Environmental Studies
Mount Holyoke College, Dept. of Earth and Environment
University of New Mexico, Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Northern Illinois University, Dept. of Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Old Dominion University, Dept. of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Oregon State University, College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences
Saint Louis University, Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Stanford University, Dept. of Geological and Environmental Sciences
University of Virginia, Dept. of Environmental Sciences

Earth Sciences

Boston University
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Florida International University
University of Memphis
Millersville University
Mount San Antonio College
University of New Hampshire
University of Northern Colorado

University of Northern Iowa
Rice University
Syracuse University

Within the Department, who should be consulted for further information on the proposed course change?

Name/e-mail: Frank Ettensohn fettens@uky.edu

Phone Extension: 7-1401

Signatures of Approval:

_____	_____
Department Chair	Date 12/9/04
_____	_____
Dean of the College	Date 10/14/03
_____	Date of Notice to the Faculty
_____	_____
*Undergraduate Council	Date
_____	_____
*University Studies	Date
_____	_____
*Graduate Council	Date
_____	_____
*Academic Council for the Medical Center	Date
_____	_____
*Senate Council	Date of Notice to Univ. Senate

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

The Minor Change route for courses is provided as a mechanism to make changes in existing courses and is limited to one or more of the following:

- change in number within the same hundred series;
- editorial change in description which does not imply change in content or emphasis;
- editorial change in title which does not imply change in content or emphasis;
- change in prerequisite which does not imply change in content or emphasis;
- cross-listing of courses under conditions set forth in item 3.0;
- correction of typographical errors. [University Senate Rules, Section III - 3.1]

Hanson, Roxie

From: Ettensohn, Frank R
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 10:13 AM
To: behaley@uky.edu
Subject: Re: Re: Department name change

Thanks much, Boyd. Regards, Frank

-----Original Message-----

From: "Boyd E. Haley" <behaley@uky.edu>
To: fettens@uky.edu
Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2004 13:46:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Department name change

Frank: I sent the message you requested. Boyd

At 10:03 AM 2/26/04 -0500, you wrote:

>BEGIN:VCALENDAR
>PRODID:-//Novell Inc//NetMail ModWeb//
>VERSION:2.0
>METHOD:REQUEST
>BEGIN:VJOURNAL
>ATTENDEE;CN=Frank Ettensohn;PARTSTAT=ACCEPTED;ROLE=CHAIR;
> RSVP=TRUE:MAILTO:fettens@uky.edu
>ATTENDEE;CN=behaley@pop.uky.edu;ROLE=REQ-PARTICIPANT;
> RSVP=TRUE:MAILTO:behaley@pop.uky.edu
>ATTENDEE;CN=staben@email.uky.edu;ROLE=REQ-PARTICIPANT;
> RSVP=TRUE:MAILTO:staben@email.uky.edu
>ORGANIZER;CN=Frank Ettensohn:MAILTO:fettens@uky.edu
>DTSTART:20040226T160000Z TRANSP:OPAQUE SEQUENCE:0
>UID:1077807832fettens@uky.edu4506
>DTSTAMP:20040226T150300Z
>DESCRIPTION:Dear Boyd and Chuck,\n I realize that you both saw the earl
> ier letter, which I sent relative to the Department's proposed name change,
> and both of you responded favorably to the proposed name change.
>However,
> I would like to ask if you would both send a brief e-mail message to
>Roxie
> Hanson (rhanson@pop.uky.edu), once again stating that you support the
>propo
> sed name change from Geological Sciences to Earth and Environmental Science
> s.\n Thanks much for your help.\n\nRegards,\nFrank\n\n\n\n\n\n\n
>SUMMARY:Department name change
>END:VJOURNAL
>END:VCALENDAR

Boyd E. Haley 859-257-7082
Professor and Chair
Dept. of Chemistry
University of Kentucky

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Hanson, Roxie

From: Staben, Chuck
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 1:12 PM
To: Hanson, Roxie
Subject: FW: RE: Department name change

I have consulted with the faculty of the Department of Biology and they feel that the change from Geological Sciences to Earth and Environmental Science is a positive change for that Department. We anticipate no negative effect on Biology. We support this change.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ettensohn, Frank R
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 10:18 AM
To: Staben, Chuck
Subject: Re: RE: Department name change

Dear Chuck,

This is the message which I sent to you and Boyd. Boyd got it, and you apparently did not get the full message for some reason. Anyway, if you could just send a brief message to Roxie Thanks. Frank

Dear Boyd and Chuck,

I realize that you both saw the earlier letter, which I sent relative to the Department's proposed name change, and both of you responded favorably to the proposed name change. However, I would like to ask if you would both send a brief e-mail message to Roxie Hanson (rhanson@pop.uky.edu), once again stating that you support the proposed name change from Geological Sciences to Earth and Environmental Science

Thanks much for your help.

Regards,
Frank

-----Original Message-----

From: "Staben, Chuck" <staben@email.uky.edu>
To: "Ettensohn, Frank R" <fettens@uky.edu>
Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2004 10:44:01 -0500
Subject: RE: Department name change

Frank-I received this as a blank e-mail....so of course I totally agree!

I guess that you might either be asking if it was OK with our faculty that you change your name from Geology to the Environmental Sciences????
title--and it is.

Or you were telling us that the change has been approved, which is great.

From: Ettensohn, Frank R
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2004 10:04 AM
To: Haley, Boyd E; Staben, Chuck
Subject: Department name change

Frank R. Ettensohn
Professor and Chair
Department of Geological Sciences
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Hanson, Roxie

From: Cox, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 4:21 PM
To: Ettensohn, Frank R
Subject: RE: Geology name change?

FRank
Thanks for sending this—I will consult with others in our college and get back to you.

Nancy

Dr. Nancy M. Cox
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ncox@uky.edu

-----Original Message-----
From: Ettensohn, Frank R
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 1:58 PM
To: ncox@uky.edu
Subject: Geology name change?

Dear Dr. Cox,

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From: David Atwood
To: fettens@uky.edu
CC:
Date: 03/17/04 10:13 am
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attachments:

Frank, I don't think I responded to your query about the Geol. name change, but I hope you took that as support. I think that such a change is a good strategic move for your department.

[REDACTED]

Thanks.
David

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David A. Atwood
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Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry
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ARTS AND SCIENCES COLLEGE COUNCIL/CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

INVESTIGATOR REPORT

INVESTIGATING BODY Nat. & Math Sci. COURSE, MAJOR, DEGREE or PROGRAM SLY name change
(Area) (department or college)
DATE FOR COUNCIL REVIEW Dec. 9, 2003 CATEGORY: NEW, CHANGE, DROP

INSTRUCTIONS: This completed form will accompany the course application to the Graduate/Undergraduate Council(s) in order to avoid needless repetition of investigation. The following questions are included as an outline only. Be as specific and as brief as possible. If the investigation was routine, please indicate this. The term "course" is used to indicate one course, a series of courses or a program, whichever is in order. Return the form to David Leep Associate Dean, 231 Patterson Office Tower for forwarding to the Council(s). ATTACH SUPPLEMENT IF NEEDED.

1. List any modifications made in the course proposal as submitted originally and why.
2. If no modifications were made, review considerations that arose during the investigation and the resolutions.

3. List contacts with program units on the proposal and the considerations discussed therein.

Contact made by D. Moerkar (SLY) with Tracy Freeman (Ch, Biology & Ag.

4. Additional information as needed.

5. A&S Area A Curriculum Committee Recommendation:

APPROVE, APPROVE WITH RESERVATION, OR DISAPPROVE

6. A&S Council Recommendation:

APPROVE, APPROVE WITH RESERVATION, OR DISAPPROVE

7. Tom Troland
A&S Council Investigator, Tom Troland

Date: 09-Dec-03

Hanson, Roxie

From: Leep, David
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 8:52 AM
To: Hanson, Roxie
Subject: FW: Degree name (withdraw request to chg Geology)

FYI

*Reviewed and
approved by David Leep
9/25/03*

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ettensohn, Frank R
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 4:37 PM
To: Leep, D B
Subject: Degree name

Dave,

For the present and near future, the Department voted to retain the name "Geology" for its degrees. Although the Department is certainly headed in the broader and more inclusive direction of "Earth and Environmental Sciences," and hence the desire for the departmental name change, we voted to retain the name "Geology" for our degrees until we have had the time to reexamine and perhaps revise our current undergraduate degree and offerings.

Thanks for your willingness to consider the Department name change.

Regards,
Frank

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Higgs, Retha

From: Cox, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2004 8:42 PM
To: Ettensohn, Frank R
Subject: RE: Geology name change?

Frank
THIS is the world's slowest reply, but our college at this point does not oppose your name change.
Thanks
Nancy

-----Original Message-----
From: Ettensohn, Frank R
Sent: Wed 3/17/2004 1:57 PM
To: ncox@uky.edu
Cc:
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