

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Reorganizations Within the College of the Environment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the following academic program consolidations be effective March 16, 2010:

Reorganization of the School of Oceanography, with its relocation from the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences to the College of the Environment;

Reorganization of the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, with its relocation from the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences to the College of the Environment.

It is further the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that with the consolidation of all of the academic programs within the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment that the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences be eliminated effective July 1, 2010.

REVIEW PROCESS:

During the 2008-09 academic year, following the processes prescribed in the Faculty Code (Section 26-41) the School of Marine Affairs was relocated from the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences to the College of the Environment. During the 2009-10 academic year, the Reorganization, Consolidation, and Elimination Procedures were completed to effect these proposed reorganization actions. There have been detailed discussions with the affected units and associated faculty advisory committees about reorganization. The School of Oceanography and the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences have each had independent and collective opportunities to petition for additional review.

RATIONALE FOR REORGANIZATION:

The proposed reorganization of these academic programs into the College of the Environment continues the efforts initiated in 2008 to bring the world-class environmental science programs at the University of Washington together into one comprehensive organizational unit. This reorganization will support the University's efforts to build the strongest and most capable environmental research and teaching institution in the world.

Attachment

Letter from President Emmert and Provost Wise, dated February 12, 2010
 "Final decision regarding the proposed reorganization of the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment."



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Mark A. Emmert, President

February 12, 2010

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Arthur Nowell, Dean, College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences
Russell McDuff, Director, School of Oceanography
David Armstrong, Director, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences
Dennis Hartmann, Interim Dean, College of the Environment
Bruce Balick, Chair, Faculty Senate
Marcia Killien, Secretary of the Faculty

RE: Final decision regarding the proposed reorganization of the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment

Dear Colleagues:

At its November 2, 2009 meeting, the Provost and Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting reviewed Dean Arthur Nowell's proposal to initiate a review for consolidation of the School of Oceanography and the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment under Faculty Code Section 26-41C. As prescribed, on November 5, 2009 the Secretary of the Faculty notified the faculty members of each of the Schools of their option to petition for additional review. No requests for additional review were submitted.

At its January 11, 2010 meeting, the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting reviewed Provost Phyllis Wise's proposal to initiate a review for the reorganization/consolidation of the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment under Faculty Code Section 26-41E. As prescribed, on January 13, 2010 the Secretary of the Faculty notified the faculty members of the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences of their option to petition for additional review. No requests for additional review were submitted.

We have decided to move forward with the consolidation of the School of Oceanography and the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment. With this reorganization, which consolidates each of the academic programs of the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment, the need for the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences as an independent entity is eliminated. The College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences was established in September 1981. The five major units of the College have been the Schools of Oceanography, Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, and Marine Affairs, the Applied Physics Lab and the Washington Sea Grant Program. The contributions of these units to the University of Washington are many and we are confident they will continue to flourish and lead us to new academic and research opportunities.

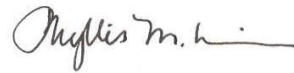
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Therefore, at its February 18, 2010 meeting, we will be recommending that the Board of Regents approve, effective March 16, 2010, the consolidation of the School of Oceanography and the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences into the College of the Environment. Further, we will be recommending that the Board of Regents approve, effective July 1, 2010, the elimination of the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Emmert
President



Phyllis M. Wise
Provost and Executive Vice President

cc: Vice Provost Cheryl Cameron
Ms. Carol Niccolls