MEMORANDUM

TO: Cheng-i Wei
   Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

FROM: Phyllis Peres
   Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to rename the B.S. in Natural Resource Sciences as the B.S. in Plant Sciences (PCC log no. 06032)

On June 4, the Maryland Higher Education Commission acknowledged your proposal to rename the B.S. in Natural Resource Sciences as the B.S. in Plant Sciences, and to delete the Area of Concentration in Conservation of Soil, Water, and the Environment. Chancellor Kirwan gave final approval on May 2. Copies of their approval letters and the proposal document are attached.

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The approval is effective Fall 2008. The College should ensure that the degree program is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosures

cc: Carmen Baltrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Moutfort, University Senate
    Barbara Hope, Data Administration
    Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Scott Wolpert, Office of Undergraduate Studies
    William Kenworthy, Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
• Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1-4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
• Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
• Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
• Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu

DATE SUBMITTED - January 11, 2007

COLLEGE/SCHOOL - AGNR

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM - PSLA / NRSC

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD_ ___ DELETE_____ CHANGE ___

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Rename the Natural Resource Sciences (NRSC) major to become the Plant Sciences (PLSC) major.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

The Department of Natural Resource Sciences and Landscape Architecture was renamed Plant Science and Landscape Architecture (PSLA) on July 1, 2006. However, the BS Program for this new department is still called Natural Resource Sciences. The Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture maintains five of the six Areas of Concentration in this major. The sixth Area of Concentration (Conservation of Soil, Water and the Environment - Area A) is now managed by ENST.

PSLA desires to continue offering Areas B, C, D, E, and F exactly as they are listed in the University Catalog under the present NRSC entry. The current code for this major is 0107, which should not change.

Area B - Horticulture and Crop Production
Area C - Landscape Management
Area D - Plant Science
Area E - Turf and Golf Course Management
Area F - Urban Forestry

This merely requests a change in the name of the major to more closely match the name of the department. This would simplify advising and clarify programs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

No resources are necessary to implement this request.
APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair  C. S. West  C. Schlicher  1/13/07

2. Department Chair  William J. Kenworthy  William  1/13/07

3. College/School PCC Chair  Mark D. Markward  1/13/07

4. Dean  Leon Slaughter  1/12/07

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)  

6. Chair, Senate PCC  RTF

7. Chair of Senate  Sylvester J. Dennis, Jr.  1/16/08

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost  Philip Pers  1/16/08

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The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a notice from the University of Maryland, College Park to change the title of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Natural Resource Sciences to Plant Sciences. The Commission was also informed that an Area of Concentration (A.O.C.) within this program titled Conservation of Soil, Water, and the Environment has been discontinued. On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, Dr. George W. Reid, the program title change has been administratively approved including the request to discontinue the concentration. It is my understanding that students are no longer enrolled in the concentration and the program is no longer being offered. These changes will be reflected in the Commission's Academic Program Inventory.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following academic program inventory code:

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As requested, the following Area of Concentration will be discontinued in the inventory:

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Should the program require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

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cc: Ms. Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM
    Dr. George W. Reid, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, MHEC
May 2, 2008

Dr. C. D. Morc, Jr., President
1101 Main Administration Building
University of Maryland, College Park
College Park, MD 20742

Dear Dan:

Thank you for forwarding the request of the University of Maryland, College Park, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, to change the name of the B.S. in Natural Resource Sciences degree program to B.S. in Plant Sciences, and to delete the Area of Concentration in Conservation of Soil, Water and the Environment because this area of study was incorporated into another degree program. I am delighted to approve these changes. Please express my appreciation to departmental faculty for their careful work in planning for these changes.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William E. Kirwan
Chancellor

cc: Irwin Goldstein, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Theresa Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Nariman Farvardin, Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Cheng-I Wei, Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources