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 M.S. and Ph.D. in Natural Resource Sciences as the M.S. and Ph.D. in Plant Science (PCC log no. 08032 and 08033)

On May 4, Chancellor Kirwan gave final approval to your proposal to rename the M.S. and Ph.D. in Natural Resource Sciences as the M.S. and Ph.D. in Plant Science. This change was acknowledged by the Maryland Higher Education Commission on June 4. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective Fall, 2009. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant materials, and that all advisors are informed.

CWR/

Enclosure

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Barbara Hope, Data Administration
Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
Anne Turkos, Archives
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
Thomas Castonguay, Graduate School
Leon Slaughter, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
William Kenworthy, Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture
June 8, 2009

Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr.
President
University of Maryland, College Park
1101 Main Administration Building
College Park, MD 20742-2104

Dear Dr. Mote:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from University of Maryland College Park to change the name of its Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in Natural Resource Sciences to Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Science. On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, Dr. George W. Reid, I am pleased to inform you that this request has been administratively approved. The HEGIS and CIP codes will not change. This decision was based on an analysis of the program in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission’s Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals and the Code of Maryland Regulations.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

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

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

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cc. Ms. Theresa W. Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM
May 4, 2009

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
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, to rename the M.S. and Ph.D., in Natural Resource Sciences and the M.S. and Ph.D. in Plant Science. I am delighted to approve this change. Please express my appreciation to departmental faculty for their careful work in planning for this change.

Sincerely,

WE Kirwan

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
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_ 1/05/08_ PCC LOG NO. 08032

COLLEGE/SCHOOL Agriculture and Natural Resources

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM Plant Science and Landscape Architecture (PSLA)/Natural Resource Sciences (NRSC)

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD____ DELETE____ CHANGE X

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.)
This proposal is to change the name of the Master of Science (MS) graduate program in Natural Resource Sciences (NRSC) to Plant Science (PLSC).

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 reorganized and renamed Plant Science and Landscape Architecture in 2006. This change more accurately reflects the name and mission of the department and more accurately describes the graduate program and the interests of the graduate faculty and students. No new resources are required for this change.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date:
1. Department Committee Chair_ Chris W. C. Walsh_ 1/5/08
2. Department Chair_ William J. Kennelly_ 1/5/08
3. College/School PCC Chair_ Scott Gurnett_ 1/2/08
4. Dean_ James C. D. Stack_ 1/2/08
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)_________________________ 3/15/08
6. Chair, Senate PCC_ William J. Kennelly_ 3/15/09
7. Chair of Senate_________________________ 3/15/09
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost_ R. J. Szczesny_ 6/25/07
Rationale and Justification:

In 2006 the Departments of Natural Resource Sciences and Landscape Architecture (NRSL) and Biological Resources Engineering (ENBE) in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources were reorganized and renamed. NRSL was renamed the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture (PSLA) while ENBE was renamed Environmental Science and Technology (ENST). Faculty from the old NRSL department with interests in soil science transferred to the ENST department. PSLA is now focused on plant based sciences and management along with application of research to help solve the pressing problems in agriculture, urban ecosystems and plant conservation. The graduate program advances training and research at all levels of organization: from the genomic and molecular level to the whole organism, to agricultural systems and to natural and designed ecosystems. Changing the name of the MS program in Natural Resource Sciences (NRSC) to Plant Science (PSC) will bring the name of the program in line with the department name. This will more accurately reflect the mission and focus of the department, faculty and graduate students.