

December 5, 2018


To: Riverside Division of the UC Academic Senate
Through: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
From: Cynthia Larive, Provost and EVC *Cynthia Larive*

Request for name changes for the Department of Earth Sciences

Dear Dylan,

I am forwarding a request from the Department of Earth Sciences to change its name to the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. I enthusiastically support this name change, which reflects the evolution of the department's research and teaching programs. This change is supported by both the CNAS Dean and the CNAS executive committee. I look forward to the results of the Senate review and consultation on this matter.

TO: Cindy Larive, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

FROM: Kathryn Uhrich, Dean, CNAS 

DATE: November 1, 2018

RE: **Name change from the Department of Earth Sciences to Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences**

I am pleased to submit the attached letter from the faculty of the Department of Earth Sciences to change its name to the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS).

The proposed name change was approved by the Department (16 for, 1 against, 3 not present) on February 18, 2018. As outlined in the Department's letter (attached), the name change better reflects the current programs of the Department.

Given potential overlap with two other CNAS departments, Environmental and Ecosystem Sciences (E2S) as well as Physics and Astronomy, I asked for feedback from both these departments. The chairs of both departments indicated no overlap and registered no concerns, and thus approved of the name change.

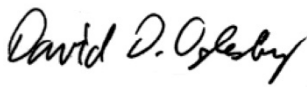
Further, the CNAS Executive Committee also reviewed and approved the requested name change on October 16, 2018 (minutes attached).

I am fully supportive of the name change and formally request that campus formally approves the name change from Department of Earth Sciences to the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS).

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

DATE: July 9, 2018

TO: Kathryn Uhrich, Dean

FR: 
David Oglesby, Chair
Earth Sciences

RE: Proposed Name Change of Earth Sciences to Earth and Planetary Sciences

Dear Kathryn,

The Department of Earth Sciences has voted to change its name to the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences in recognition of its current and future research and teaching programs.

Over the past ten years the department has undergone a deliberate evolution in research foci, which is reflected in our faculty hiring and participation in new initiatives. These include many new research areas, such as climate and large scale petrology, that reflect the study of the Earth as a whole-planet system. More recently, we have expanded into the search for life on other worlds (Astrobiology), both from the point of view of Earth History analogs for other planets, and the direct search for habitable planets in other solar systems.

Our current departmental research interests span a broad range of Earth and Planetary Science, and are rapidly expanding into topics that leverage the NASA and NSF strategic goals related to Astrobiology and the Earth in a larger context. The NAI-funded Astrobiology Center (PI: Lyons), the recent hire of Stephen Kane, and the active research portfolios of existing faculty signify a substantial departmental interest in pursuing interdisciplinary opportunities that overlap with Planetary Science and exoplanets.

We fully expect that the departmental research portfolio will continue to follow a trajectory that will strengthen our position as a leader in the fields of Astrobiology and Planetary Science, while also maintaining and growing our programs in field- and lab-based Geology, Geophysics, Earth History, and Climate Science. The proposed name change will facilitate this growth in our department and increase opportunities for student involvement and funding possibilities.

The change of our name to Earth and Planetary Sciences acknowledges our current areas of research focus more fully than our current name, and also will facilitate our continued expansion into new research realms. We are very excited by the opportunities that this new name represents. We hope that you will agree, and we ask you to help us in this process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2018

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

FROM: SANDRA KIRTLAND TURNER, ACTING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR
COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

RE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 – 2:10-3:30 PM – BATCHELOR HALL 2158

Previous Meeting October 16, 2018

1. Announcements by the Dean/Divisional Deans
2. Approval of minutes from October 16, 2018 meeting **P.2/Attachment #1** [Vote]
3. Review of CNAS Executive Committee [Bylaw N4.1.1](#) on membership [Vote]
4. Systemwide Review: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-RMP-7 Protection of Administrative Records Containing Personally Identifiable Information **P.5/Attachment #2** [Comment]
5. Course Proposals. Available at [Login to the Course Request System](#)

NEW:

HNPG 16, HNPG 18, HNPG 199H, STAT 156A, STAT 156B, PHYS 17, PHYS 117

CHANGE:

CBNS 130L, CHEM 1HA, HNPG 150, MCBL 122, MCBL 125, MCBL 127, STAT 170A

RESTORE:

ENTM 111

6. Old Business
7. New Business



College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

MINUTES OF THE CNAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 16, 2018 – BATCHELOR HALL 2158 – 2nd Meeting

Present: Sandra Kirtland Turner (Acting Chair), Timothy Higham (Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology), Shou-Wei Ding (Microbiology and Plant Pathology), Zhiwei Zhang (proxy, Statistics), Zhenyu Arthur Jia (Botany & Plant Sciences), Richard Hooley (Chemistry), Feng Xu (Mathematics), Samantha Ying (Environmental Sciences), Alec Gerry (Entomology), Stephen Spindler (Biochemistry), Jeffery Bachant (Molecular, Cell & Systems Biology), Frederick Hamann (Physics & Astronomy), Connie Nugent (Divisional Dean), Timothy Paine (Divisional Dean), Frances Sladek (Divisional Dean), Kathryn Uhrich (Dean, College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences).

Absent: Paul De Ley (Nematology), Jose Wudka (Divisional Dean), 2 student representatives.

Previous Meeting: October 2, 2018

Meeting:

Start: 2:11 pm

1. Announcements by the Dean/Divisional Deans

Tim Paine reminded the Committee of the approaching week of the college welcome for new faculty.

2. Chair calls for amendment to the agenda in order for Dan Jeske to brief the Committee on STAT 156A and 156B. The amendment was unanimously approved.

Dan explained that STAT 156A was the first of a 2-quarter sequence (156A and 156B) aimed at Data Science majors. For 156A Math 9C is the only pre-requisite. STAT 156B is the application of what is learned in 156A. The Data Science major is a joint venture between Statistics and CS departments. In response to advising question about the application of these new courses, Dan clarified that STAT 156A and B are not part of the major requirements for the STAT major; only the Data Science major. The CNAS analyst recommends, from an advising standpoint, that Dan arrange for priority enrollment for Data Science majors to ensure that these students are not in competition with other majors who have completed the MATH 9C prerequisite.

STAT 156A unanimously approved

STAT 156B unanimously approved.

3. Approval of minutes from October 2, 2018 meeting.

The minutes were approved with amendment to include a statement, in context of the October 2 discussion, acknowledging that ENSC specializations will not be reflected on the transcript or baccalaureate degree.

4. Systemwide Review: Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

The chair will forward a statement to the Senate regarding no comment from the CNAS Executive Committee.

5. Department Name Change from Earth Sciences to Earth and Planetary Sciences

Neither the department of Environmental Sciences nor the department of Physics and Astronomy have concerns about the name change proposal. Additionally, Dean Uhrich reports that there is no sign of contention within the Earth Sciences department to have this name change. In response to Committee questions about the impact of the department name change on majors, it was clarified that the names of the majors are independent of the department name change and therefore the titles of the current majors are not affected. While a vote is not needed to move forward on the name change, according to Dean Uhrich, the Executive Committee nonetheless voted unanimously to approve the change.

6. Course Proposals.

ENTM 139: Alec Gerry explained that this is a symbiosis course cross-listed with BIOL and MCBL and that the instructor preferred not to add BIOL 105 or 108 as prerequisites because it would mean that probably only juniors/seniors could qualify. However, from some conversations, it's believed that the department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology will only support participating in the [BIOL] cross-listing of this course if the recommended prerequisites were added. While the Committee votes unanimously to approve the ENTM 139 proposal as submitted without BIOL 105 or 108 prerequisites, the Committee also acknowledges that the BIOL cross-listing may be forfeit, depending on whether it can be confirmed that Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology has already approved the current proposal.

GEO 115: Conditional approval, pending correction of the typo/clarification of the language "30 or hours" in the *catalog description* section of the proposal.

STAT 170A: The chair clarified the connection to STAT 156AB. Unanimously approved.

STAT 183: Unanimously approved

STAT 167: Unanimously approved

CBNS 130L: The Committee requests clarification on whether this course has already been vetted by the appropriate, relevant instructional units outside CNAS. Upon this verification the Committee will consider the course, as needed.

PHYS 040HA: Unanimously approved.

ENSC 144: Unanimously approved.

7. Old Business

In the matter of the *White Paper on RUSD STEM High School* moving on campus: Alec Gerry reported Entomology department concerns that the white paper from RUSD had gone through various committees without appropriate levels of academic senate involvement. RUSD set up the design team. The Chancellor had signed MOU several years ago with RUSD. The design team was tasked with finding the space. The MOU indicated faculty roles. However, it seems the proposal did not vet through the typical faculty committees. Entomology would like to give the CNAS Executive Committee a list of their concerns, and the question posed to the Executive Committee today is whether, if as Entomology has concerns, other departments may have concerns as well. Chair Kirtland Turner will bring up concerns of the CNAS Executive Committee at the Executive Council meeting regarding the true vetting of the proposal. Additionally, she will send forward the written summary of comment from the Executive Committee to the Senate Chair.

8. New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned 3:26 pm

Minutes prepared by Michelle Butler

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