Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: E. Kay Halasek, Chair
Council on Academic Affairs

Date: November 2, 2007

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A PROFESSIONAL MASTER’S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS the School of Environment and Natural Resources proposes a tagged, applied, professional degree for practicing professionals and others who want to enhance their professional competency in environment and natural resource science and management; and

WHEREAS the degree is a non-thesis degree that will replace the Plan B non-thesis option currently available to students pursuing the Master of Science (M.S.) in the Natural Resources program, and students wanting to pursue research-oriented careers will continue to enroll in the M.S. program; and

WHEREAS the proposal was approved by the Council on Research and Graduate Studies on June 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS on March 15, 2007, the Office of Academic Affairs convened all units on campus that have programmatic emphases related to the term “environment”, and received support for this program; and

WHEREAS the Council on Academic Affairs approved the proposal at its meeting on August 22, 2007;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a Professional Master’s degree in Environment and Natural Resources and respectfully request concurrence from the Board of Trustees.