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Subject: Re: Revision to Earth Sciences B.S.
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Attachments: [Earth Sci BS in Semesters_revisions Aug 2014_rev2 22 Sept.doc](#)

Hi Bernadette (and Harald and Christopher),

Attached is the revised proposal for revisions to the Earth Sciences B.S. In response to the issues raised earlier, please note:

- 1) a statement has been added to #2 under "Overview", explaining how SES will meet the requirement for a B.S. thesis by all students. We effectively are already doing this, as no students have graduated without choosing to do a Senior Thesis. In addition, we are willing to have adjunct faculty and courtesy appointment faculty also advise Senior Theses, so the increased workload per faculty member will not be large.
- 2) the 4 year plans have been corrected to include 4-credit foreign language courses. In order to not increase the total number of credits, a free elective was eliminated from each 4 year plan.
- 3) a section has been added at the beginning of the proposal, explaining the characteristics of EARTHSC 4999.01(H) vs. 4999.02(H), and how these 2 courses came to exist. In the program requirements, advising forms, and 4 year plans, all references to Research for Thesis are now made in the decimalized form; references to 4999.01(H) in the subprogram requirements now also carry a notation of "graded", in hopes that this will reinforce the difference between 4999.01(H) and 4999.02(H).
- 4) a section on transition information has been added at the beginning of the proposal. Since the proposed revisions expand course lists, rather than reduce them, we do not expect major transition issues. Our undergraduate advisors will handle any issues that arise on a case-by-case basis.

Please let me know if any other information is needed, or if additional questions arise.

Best,
Larry

On 9/22/2014 12:21 PM, Vankeerbergen, Bernadette wrote:

Larry,

Today the NMS Panel reviewed the proposal to revise the B.S. in Earth Sciences. The Panel unanimously approved the revision with one contingency and two recommendations:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Contingency:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->o <!--[endif]-->Senior thesis requirement:
Potential issue on faculty capacity / load. Request that the proposal mention that Earth Sciences faculty will be able to accommodate this change. Also, might School of Earth Sciences allow flexibility as to which faculty can be thesis advisors? NMS Panel and ASCC need reassurance that students will be able to complete their theses in a timely fashion.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Recommendations:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->o <!--[endif]-->4 -yr sample plans: the GE FL are 4 credits; none of the GE courses in the 4-year plans are 4 cr. Request to adjust the 4-yr sample plans.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->o <!--[endif]-->Make sure that titles for 4998(H) and 4999.01(H)/4999.02(H) are used consistently. Also, sometimes decimalized numbers are specified for 4999(H) and sometimes not (where one would expect to see the decimalized number).

Also, after the meeting, Harald indicated that the proposal should include transition information for students currently in the major. Could you please add that information in your revised proposal?

Our hope is that the proposal can be on the ASCC agenda for this Friday. Would it be possible for you to send me a revised proposal by tomorrow morning?

Let us know if you have any questions.

Best,
Bernadette

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