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Subject: Revision to Earth Sciences B.S.
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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:

- Contingency:
 - 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.

- Recommendations:
 - 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.
 - 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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