DATE: January 4, 2018

TO: Graduate Council

FROM: Dagmar Beck / Director, Professional Science Master’s Program

RE: Proposal to shorten the name of the Professional Science Master’s Program in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making to Environmental Analysis

The advising faculty of the Professional Master’s Program in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making has asked me to request your assistance and approval to make a name change to this degree program. We would like to shorten the name of this program to "Environmental Analysis.

Please note that:
1. The degree requirements and coursework for this M.S. degree are not changing.
2. The department housing the program (BioSciences) is not changing.
3. The proposed change, if approved, will be effective in the 2018-19 General Announcements.
4. The program name/description and code changes, effective 2018-2019 will be:
   a. Program description/name will be shortened to Environmental Analysis.
   b. Program code will change from ‘EADM’ to ‘ENVA’ - (EADM deactivated, ENVA new).
   c. Degree description will be shortened to Master of Science in Environmental Analysis.
   d. Degree code will change from MSEADM to MSEA - (MSEADM deactivated, MSEA new).
   e. * The above proposed new names and codes have been reviewed by GPS and the OTR.
5. For those 6 students currently in the program that will have matriculated before the name change (and are not graduating this year), they can keep their GA/Catalog year as their matriculation year and graduate with the MSEADM degree, or they can update their GA/Catalog year to their graduation year and receive the MSEA degree. (Again, note that degree requirements are not changing.)

Reasoning:
Our faculty advisors, the board members, and students graduating from the program feel that the original, unique program name is too long, outdated, and confusing. The proposed shorter version is sufficient to represent the essence of this program which is built around environmental science/engineering and data analytics.

We appreciate your consideration and approval of this change.

Sincerely,

Dagmar Beck
Director
Professional Science Master’s

Encl.
Support letter from BioScience Chair Dr. Janet Braam
Support letter from Dean of Wiess School of Natural Sciences Dr. Peter Rossky
DATE: December 5, 2017

TO: Graduate Council

FROM: Janet Braam/ Chair, BioSciences

Cc: Dagmar Beck / Director, Professional Science Master’s Program

RE: Support for Name Change of the M.S. degree program in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making program

Dear Graduate Council Members,

I am supporting the PSM Program Director, Dagmar Beck and the advising faculty of the Professional Master’s Program in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making in their request to shorten the name of this degree program to “Environmental Analysis”.

The program and its requirements are not affected by the name change and remain the same.
DATE: December 8, 2017
TO: Graduate Council
FROM: Peter Rossky/ Dean, Wiess School of Natural Sciences
       Cc: Dagmar Beck / Director, Professional Science Master’s Program
RE: Support for Name Change of the M.S. degree program in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making program

Dear Graduate Council Members:

I am writing to provide my support for the request made by the PSM Program Director, Dagmar Beck and the advising faculty of the Professional Master’s Program in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making to replace this original name with simply Environmental Analysis.

This is only a helpful cosmetic change. The program and its requirements are not affected by the name change.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter Rossky