

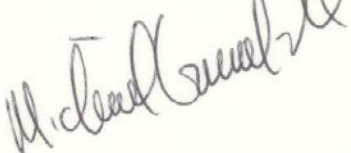


TO: Amy Johnson
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SUBJECT: New Energy and Environmental Policy Undergraduate Degree Proposal



I and the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy strongly support the proposal for a new undergraduate major in Energy and Environmental Policy. This proposed major is one of three complementary undergraduate majors that address the need for a comprehensive environmental curriculum at the undergraduate level. This proposed major also is directly supportive of the University's strategic plan. Finally, this proposed major is a truly interdisciplinary major with the support of 20 faculty members from across four colleges.

The proposal for the Energy and Environmental Policy undergraduate major calls for a program director and the assignment of faculty from the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy to teach in the program. Using the start-up funds of \$50,000 from the Provost's office for Academic Year 2009-2010, a program director will be identified after Board of Trustees approval of the program. Graduate assistantship funds for the proposed major have already been identified as have staff assistant support funds. Faculty teaching and advisement assignments within the program will be negotiated among faculty and their chairs or directors.

The desire of the group proposing the Energy and Environmental Policy undergraduate major and of the College is to implement the curriculum during the 2009-2010 academic year. I look forward to a positive review of all three environmental proposals and to the University's ability to implement a comprehensive set of environmental majors, placing us among the universities with the strongest undergraduate and graduate offerings in this field.

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