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Resolution to approve the degree name change from Forestry and Wildlife to Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies:
First Reading: 22 April, 2013
Second Reading:

Approved by University Council:
Approved by the President:

Effective: Fall 2014

WHEREAS, the College of Natural Resources and Environment has grown and specialized over the past 30 years with Departments of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Conservation, Sustainable Biomaterials, and Geography; and

WHEREAS, our current degree students obtain a strong background more than in forestry and wildlife areas; and

WHEREAS, our current degree students are trained in land management, commodity production, stewardship of the resource, the sustainable provision of ecosystem services, and other human-environment interactions; and

WHEREAS, the degree in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation will better reflect the interests and scholarship of undergraduate students as well as increase congruence with job opportunities they seek; and

WHEREAS, the new degree name better reflects current majors within the extant program, including Forestry, Environmental Resource Management, and Natural Resource Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the job titles of our recent graduates--Arborists, Soil Conservationist, Conservation Technician, Environmental Educator, Forester, Forestry Technician, Natural Science Curator, Park Ranger, Resource Manager, and Staff Naturalist--better reflect the new degree name;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the degree name of Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Wildlife be changed to Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation effective Fall 2014 and forwarded to University Council, the Board of Visitors for approval and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) for authorization and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for notification.