To:    Leonard Folgarait, Chair, Committee on Educational Programs
From:  John C. Ayers, Chair, Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Re:    Environmental Studies minor
Date:  January 30, 2012

The Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES) Department has been asked to approve the removal of the Environmental Studies minor from the EES program description in the Undergraduate Catalog so that a new Environmental and Sustainability Studies minor can be established under the direction of Professor David Hess from Sociology. On January 27, 2012 the EES department faculty voted to remove the Environmental Studies minor from our catalog listing; the vote was seven for, zero against, with one abstention. Faculty members noted that EES was never the proper home for the Environmental Studies minor, and that we only administered it from 2005-2011 at the request of the administration and The Department of Biological Sciences, who administered the minor prior to 2005.
Dear Timothy and Jonathan,

Please find attached a proposal from the Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences to delete the minor in Environmental Studies. The document includes the departmental vote, and the CEP has voted 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Thank you,

Leonard, CEP Chair

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From: Muise, Michael R
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 8:19 AM
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Subject: RE: enviro studies minor

Dear Leonard,
Here is the final form of the deletion of Environmental Studies from EES. The email with the vote included the proposal, so that is all it all there is.
We have 5 yes votes from the committee. Your vote is the sixth and final one.
Sincerely,
Michael

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