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To: Richard Boone, Dean CNRS
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From: Dr. Alexander Enyedi, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Re: Rangeland Resources Sciences Probation Decision

Date: November 1, 2016



After careful evaluation and consideration of the Senate ICC and CNRS Dean recommendations, Academic Affairs will remove the Rangeland Resources Science (RRS) program from probationary status. This change is effective immediately (11/01/2016).

The RSS program is on the appropriate trajectory to meet or exceed the targets established by Academic Senate Resolution on November 17, 2009 and the subsequent December 2010 Memorandum of Understanding between the CNRS Dean and the RRS program faculty. As of AY 2016-2017, the RSS program has 47 majors and 20 minors and expects to graduate 17 students in May 2017. Projected graduation rates are 17 (2017), 12 (2018), and 19 (2019).

HSU's RSS program is the only program in California that offers sufficient coursework for graduates to meet the requirements for 3 federal job series - Rangeland Management Specialist, Soil Scientist, and Soil Conservationist. On the West Coast, HSU is one of only two universities (Oregon State University, the other) with a Range program. In the 11 Western states, HSU is the only Hispanic Serving Institution (New Mexico State, the other) that offers a bachelor's degree program in Range. Graduates from the program are highly employable. Over 80% of the graduates since 2013 are working in Range, Soils, or related fields.

Lifting of probationary status will allow RSS to compete with all other CNRS departments for resources that may become available within the College each fiscal year. Academic Affairs looks forward to receiving future program assessments from RSS that include clear plans for undergraduate student recruitment, student success and retention, and elevated graduation rates that support the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025.