

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
Academic Senate

Resolution on New Environmental Policy and Ecological Restoration Minors

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RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that *Curriculum Proposal 09-085: New Minor in Environmental Policy (ENVS Program), and *Curriculum Proposal 09-086: New Minor in Ecological Restoration (ENVS Program) be approved.

RATIONALE: The Academic Master Planning Subcommittee and the full ICC have carefully examined these minors. We find the proposed curriculum to be coherent and focused. Because of substantial overlap in requirements, students in majors that are most likely to complete these minors will easily be able to complete the minor requirements, but even students with highly-unrelated majors will be able to complete the minors (including pre-requisite courses) in under 30 units. All courses included in the minor are already offered frequently enough to permit students to easily complete the minor, and there is enough space left in those courses to add minors. In addition, these minors seem very likely to meet the proposed standard of at least 2 graduates per year. (Comparable minors on other campuses have enrollment much higher than our standard, non-major enrollment in the entry-level courses for the minor is presently high, and the department reports frequent inquiries from students about minors.)

*The complete curriculum proposals may be found on the ICC SharePoint site under "Proposals" → "Senate – Approval Pending"