

SPECIAL REPORT

of the

**GRADUATE COUNCIL,
PROGRAM AND BUDGET COUNCIL
AND
RESEARCH COUNCIL**

concerning

**THE GRADUATE PROGRAM NAME CHANGE
OF
FORESTRY AND WOOD TECHNOLOGY
TO
FOREST RESOURCES**

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Graduate, Program and Budget and Research Councils endorse the Proposal for the Graduate Program Name Change of Forestry and Wood Technology to Forest Resources, as described on the attached. This change of names does not require additional resources.

**MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the name change from Forestry and Wood Technology
06-04 to Forest Resources, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 04-009.**

PROPOSAL FOR GRADUATE PROGRAM NAME CHANGE

CURRENT NAME: Forestry and Wood Technology

PROPOSED NAME: Forest Resources

JUSTIFICATION:

This change is being proposed in order to have the name of the program better represent the breadth of program activities in teaching and research. It does not accompany changes in the curriculum or degree requirements in the program, but rather it reflects the gradual development that has occurred in the field over several decades. This name change was unanimously approved at a Department faculty and staff retreat in 2001.

Both parts of the current name fail to describe accurately their respective parts of the program. The term 'Forestry' is understood by many to refer to rural and wildland forest ecology and management. This is an important part of the program, but areas of study also include urban forestry and arboriculture, watershed management, social dimensions of forest management, and natural resource policy. The term 'Wood Technology' refers to the science and engineering of wood products, but current areas of study also include marketing of building materials and the design of energy-efficient buildings. The name of the undergraduate major was changed from 'Wood Technology' to 'Building Materials and Wood Technology' in 1995 to reflect these changes in the field.

The name 'Forest Resources' encompasses all areas of study described above, and serves to unify them under one heading. It is commonly used by other universities as the name for a school, department, or program that deals with a similarly broad range of topics.

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