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To: Mike Bailey  
   Chair  
   OSU Curriculum Council

From: Gary Beach  
   Curriculum Coordinator  
   Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation

Subject: PROPOSAL:  

BS in Sustainability,  
to be Extended to Distant Locations Online by OSU’s Extended Campus

OSU’s Sustainability Program on both the OSU-Main and OSU-Cascades campuses have submitted to Extended Campus a proposal to offer the existing BS in Sustainability double degree program online. Following a review by Ecampus, including budget considerations, the proposal was subsequently submitted to the Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation for review of the curriculum.

The double degree program requires a minimum of 36 credit hours (21-22 of which are core courses), in addition to the minimum of 180 credit hours that is required for the first baccalaureate degree. Several issues and errors were identified in the proposed online version of the degree program. The proposal was sent back to Kate Lajtha, Department of Crop and Soil Science for revisions along with a request to respond to several curriculum questions. The proposal was subsequently revised, including recommended correction/updates to the course list.

The proposed online program has been judged to be equivalent with the two campus-based versions of the program. It is the judgment of the Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation that the proposal to extend the existing BS in Sustainability double degree program online meets all of the requirements for review as specified in the “Review Process / Procedures for ECampus Proposals.”

I am recommending that the Curriculum Council consider the approval of this proposal – to “extend” the BS in Sustainability degree program online to distant locations via OSU’s Office of Extended Campus.

c: Alfonso Bradoch, Director, Department and Student Services, Extended Campus  
   Kate Lajtha, Department of Crop and Soil Science  
   Matt Shinderman, OSU-Cascades  
   Bill Bogley, Director, Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation

Attached:
ECampus Sustainability Double Degree Program Proposal  
Excel Table Regarding the Proposed Curriculum  
Memo from Matt Shinderman Supporting the Proposal