

Graduate Council Resolution in Support of RME for the Creation of a Concentration in Ecology by the Zoology Ph.D. Program. April 5, 2012

RATIONALE

Whereas, Zoology proposes to create a new concentration in Ecology within their Ph.D. program; and

Whereas, Ecology is a multidisciplinary field that provides the opportunity for interaction and collaboration by students and faculty across departments, programs and colleges. In 2011, this council approved similar Ecology concentrations in Plant Biology and ER&P. Ecology's strength at SIUC is further indicated by the success of the Center for Ecology (which does not grant degrees); and

Whereas, the appearance of a concentration on student transcripts will more accurately reflect the broad nature of student training and preparation for multiple opportunities in an expanding job market; and

Whereas, the concentration will require only minor programmatic changes, and will not require new faculty or new resources, and is predicted to increase graduate enrollment.

RESOLUTION

Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed RME for the creation of an Ecology Ph.D. concentration in Zoology.