

Graduate Council Resolution

in Support of the Reasonable and Moderate Extension/Program Name Change for Geology Ph.D.
Program

RATIONALE

Whereas, the Geology department has requested an RME to add five concentrations (Biogeochemistry, Earth Surface Processes, Energy and Mineral Resources, Geophysics and Tectonics, and Paleobiology) to their existing Ph.D. program and to change the name of the program to Geosciences; and

Whereas, these changes will complete the process of program revision previously voted on and approved by this council (Spring, 2010). Once implemented, the revised program will be more interdisciplinary, aid in the recruitment of graduate students and the retention of graduate faculty; and

Whereas, these revisions will result in no immediate expenditures, and will likely generate revenue in terms of tuition and grant dollars.

RESOLUTION

Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed RME.