

Graduate Council Resolution – April, 2011
in Support of RME for Elimination of Ecology Certificate in Plant Biology, and Creation of a
Concentration in Ecology by the same department

RATIONALE

Whereas, the Department of Plant Biology has proposed eliminating the Certificate Program in Ecology due to lack of student interest; and

Whereas, the department proposes to replace the above with a new concentration in Ecology within their Ph.D. program; and

Whereas, Ecology is a multidisciplinary field, providing the opportunity for interaction and cooperation by students and faculty across departments, programs and colleges. Further, it is a traditional strength at SIUC, as indicated by the success of SIUC's Center for Ecology (which does not grant degrees); 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 RMEs for the elimination of the Ecology Certificate and the creation of an Ecology Ph.D. concentration in Plant Biology.