

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate

From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair

Date: May 1, 2020

Re: Approval of a request by the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Geology to change the name of the Department and programs to Geology and Environmental Earth Science

On April 30, 2020, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Department of Geology in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) to change the name of the Department, Geology major (BA and BS), and Geology minor to Geology and Environmental Earth Science on **the contingency that a letter of support be received from the Directors of the Environmental Studies program. A letter has been requested and this report will be updated if/when it is received.** There are no prefix changes or curricular changes associated with the name change request. Faculty in the Department feel that the new name more accurately represents the current curriculum and research within the department, and follows a current nationwide trend in the discipline to bring departmental names into line with more modern curricula, research directions, and student employment opportunities.

The name change request was approved by the Department of Geology faculty, the CAS Curriculum Committee, and CAS Dean Bill Falls. Letters of support were also submitted by the Chair of the Geography Department, Beverly Wemple, and the Directors of the Environmental Sciences program.