MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: April 1, 2021
Re: Approval of a request for a No-Contest Termination of Sustainable Landscape Horticulture major by the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

On April 1, 2021, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Plant and Soil Sciences (PSS) Department in the College of Agricultural Life Sciences for a No-Contest Termination of the Sustainable Landscape Horticulture major. This request accompanies a request to establish two new concentrations in the Agroecology major – Agroecology and Landscape Design – and a request to change the name of the Agroecology major to the Agroecology and Landscape Design. Both proposals were also approved by the CAC (see separate memos). These three linked changes are the outcome of departmental discussions and strategic planning aimed at realigning the majors offered by PSS to better align with current faculty expertise and student interest as well as in response to Provost Prelock’s call to evaluate low-enrollment majors. The no-contest termination of the SLH major was approved by department faculty, the CALS Curriculum Committee, CALS faculty, and Dean of CALS, Leslie Parise.

All students currently enrolled in the SLH major (15 at the time of the proposal) will graduate with that major. If the no-contest termination of the SLH major is approved by the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees, and the associated name change request and proposal to establish the new concentrations is approved by the Faculty Senate, students declaring an Agroecology and Landscape Design major after June 1, 2021 will graduate with that major and a concentration in Agroecology or Landscape Design.