

## Cover Sheet: Request 14612

### UF/IFAS School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) - Name Change

#### Info

Process	Unit New/Modify/Close Dept
Status	Pending at PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC)
Submitter	Casey Griffith cgriffith@aa.ufl.edu
Created	1/15/2020 9:31:12 AM
Updated	5/5/2020 2:33:35 PM
Description of request	Requesting to change the name of the UF/IFAS School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) to the proposed name: School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geospatial Sciences.

#### Actions

Step	Status	Group	User	Comment	Updated
Department	Approved	CALS - Forest Resources and Conservation 514946000	Terrell Baker III		1/15/2020
No document changes					
College	Approved	CALS - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences	Joel H Brendemuhl	This request has been approved by the IFAS Faculty Assembly and endorsed by IFAS administration and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. I approve on behalf of the CALS Curriculum Committee.	1/15/2020
No document changes					
University Curriculum Committee	Commented	PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC)	Lee Morrison	Added to the February agenda. If approved, this will go into effect for the Summer B 2020 term with the publication of the 2020-2021 undergraduate catalog.	2/13/2020
No document changes					
University Curriculum Committee	Recycled	PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC)	Casey Griffith	Pending continuing conversation between CALS and CLAS.	2/18/2020
No document changes					
College	Approved	CALS - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences	Joel H Brendemuhl	Discussions have taken place and a compromise was reached and a new name has been proposed.	4/30/2020
CLAS Letter of Support_Name change.pdf					4/29/2020
University Curriculum Committee	Commented	PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC)	Casey Griffith	Added to May, 2020 agenda.	5/5/2020
SFRC revised name change memo April 2020.doc					5/5/2020
University Curriculum Committee	Pending	PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC)			5/5/2020
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**Cc:** [Griffith, Casey Todd](#)  
**Subject:** Name change  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:50:34 PM

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Dear Angela,

Can you please include this email in the name change proposal from the School of Forest Resources and Conservation? The response is from CLAS Associate Dean Chris McCarty, on behalf of the college.

Thanks,

Joe

Dear Angela,

Thank you for the update on the name change proposal from the School of Forest Resources and Conservation. The proposed name change to the School of Forest, Fisheries and Geomatics Sciences is an acceptable modification to the previous proposal and one the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences enthusiastically supports. As a point of record, no department in CLAS has the intention of incorporating the term 'geospatial' into their name. We recognize that geospatial science is a widely used set of methods and theories across the university.

Thank you for your careful consideration and coordination of the multiple perspectives on this issue.

Regards,  
Christopher McCarty

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## Memo

TO: UF Undergraduate Curriculum Committee c/o Angela Lindner  
FROM: Terrell T. "Red" Baker   
DATE: April 30, 2020  
RE: School of Forest Resources and Conservation name change

The School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) within IFAS at the University of Florida is seeking a name change for our School. After a lengthy and facilitated process involving hundreds of stakeholders internal and external to UF, the SFRC proposed to the UF Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) (on February 18, 2020) the following change to its name: *School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geospatial Sciences*. This was following faculty votes and approval at the unit level and at the IFAS Faculty Assembly. The result of that proposal to the UCC was tabling of the motion until further discussions could be had in an effort to alleviate concerns by faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), specifically the Department of Geography, who objected to the use of Geospatial Sciences in that new name.

Accordingly, a follow-up meeting was held (April 2, 2020) with the Associate Provost of Academic Affairs, the Dean for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs), and representatives from SFRC, Geography, and CLAS. During this discussion, it became clear that CLAS and Geography faculty were unwilling to entertain any use of the term Geospatial Sciences by any single program/unit on campus. In an effort to accommodate those concerns, and move forward with our School's name change, we have revised the proposed name to: *School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geomatics Sciences*.

This new proposed name was considered and approved (43 in favor, 3 against) by SFRC faculty on April 20, 2020. SFRC subsequently sought, and received, approval by the IFAS Faculty Assembly on April 27, 2020 with a vote of 33 in favor, 2 against.

Therefore, the SFRC respectfully submits the following amended name change request to the UF UCC at its upcoming meeting (May 12, 2020); from School of Forest Resources and Conservation to the *School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geomatics Sciences*.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.