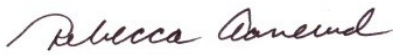


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To: Clare Ryan, Director
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Re: Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management Interim Report

Thank you for the March 6, 2013 Interim Report on the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management, which was submitted in response to recommendations of the 2007-2008 program review. Please accept our apology for the delay in the Graduate School's response to the Interim Report.

The Graduate School Council's recommendation echoed that of the review committee, regarding the need for a balance in the curriculum between management and natural science, and student access to course work. We understand that a balance in the curriculum is in its "focus on environmental management and implementation, based on an understanding of established science," an aspect unique to the certificate program.

Your response to the issue of student access to course work, noted the curriculum revisions that were implemented following the review which now enable more students to complete the graduate certificate program. The change was achieved by a decrease in required credits, and core course offerings were expanded to provide increased student access to course work.

Further, we understand that major changes occurred after the 2007-2008 review resulting in strengthening the graduate certificate's structure and increasing its visibility. The College of the Environment was established, and the Program on the Environment, the home of the Environmental Management Graduate Certificate, was moved to the College. Also, the graduate certificate program's governance structure was revised, which clarified the roles and responsibilities of the leadership and overall oversight of the program.

The next review of the Environmental Management Graduate Certificate program will be scheduled in the 2017-2018 academic year.

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