

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: 26 October 2007

To: Eamonn Callan, Chair
XL Senate of the Academic Council

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies
Fabian Pease, Chair, Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors

Re: Recommendation to Approve Change of Name from Biological Sciences to Biology for their BS, MS, PhD Degree Programs

Provost John Etchemendy, responding to the request from Bob Simoni, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, and Richard Saller, Dean of Humanities and Sciences, to change the department's name to Biology, has approved this change, effective January 1 2008. The reasons are spelled out in the attached memos, which were brought to C-GS on October 18, 2007, and to C-RUM on October 26, 2007.

Both Committees agreed with the rationale for changing the degree program names to agree with the name of the department, and with the provisos spelled out in the memo from Deans Saller and Stephens.

The italicized language on the memo from Deans Saller and Stephens reflects the language change requested by the Senate Committees, so that Item (1) completes the transition from Biological Sciences to Biology, and also correlates with Item (4), which states that no new students will be admitted to any of the Biological Science degree programs after the effective date of the changeover (January 1, 2008). All previous departmental/degree program name changes have followed this format.

The Committee on Graduate Studies and the Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors therefore recommend approval of the name change from “Biological Sciences” to “Biology” for the Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in the renamed Department of Biology, effective January 1, 2008.

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- III. Memo from John Etchemendy, Provost, to Richard Saller, Dean, of the School of Humanities & Sciences, dated 27 September 2007.
- IV. Memo from Richard Saller, Dean of the School of Humanities & Sciences, and Martin Fejer, Senior Associate Dean, H&S, to John Etchemendy, Provost, dated 15 August 2007.
- V. Memo from Bob Simoni, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, to Marty Fejer, Senior Associate Dean, H&S, dated 30 July 2007.