**Review: Renaming an Academic Program Proposal: Integrative Biology**

This proposal seeks to rename the MS and PhD degrees and graduate minor offered by the new Department of Integrative Biology to ‘Integrative Biology’ rather than ‘Zoology’. This proposal also seeks to drop the MA degree in Zoology.

We find that the proposed name change from Zoology to Integrative Biology is appropriate and properly vetted. The rationale and arguments used to support this proposed name change are clear and sensible.

“Integrative Biology” fits the norms of the contemporary discipline as is demonstrated in support from peer departments at other Universities. In particular, an informative support letter was provided by the current editor-in-chief of Integrative and Comparative Biology – one of the preeminent academic journals within the field. Interestingly, this journal was formerly known as the American Zoologist, which further suggests the proposed name change is appropriate and consistent with contemporary directions within the field.

This name change will benefit majors and faculty by signifying a contemporary area of study.

The proper liaisons have been met with approval.

We also find that the discontinuation of the M.A. Zoology degree is warranted because it is has no current or future students.

We recommend that the name change of “Zoology” to “Integrative Biology” and the discontinuation of the “M.A. degree in Zoology” be approved by the Curriculum Council.

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