

Resolution 2017-18.F

Resolution to Discontinue Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Policy and Planning

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: February 26, 2018

Reviewed/ Waived by Faculty Senate:

Second Reading:

Approved by University Council:

Approved by President:

Effective Date: Fall 2021

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning was established in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the degree has educated 360 students over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the location of the undergraduate program is being moved from the Urban Affairs and Planning program to the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA); and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts in Public and Urban Affairs (PUA) will be the only degree offered by SPIA; and

WHEREAS, a new Environmental Policy and Planning major will be offered under the PUA degree; and

WHEREAS, a teach-out plan has been developed to ensure students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science may complete and be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning; and

WHEREAS, Spring 2018 will be the last term for admitting students to the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning; and

WHEREAS, current students in the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning have been informed that the degree will be discontinued and they have until December 2021 to complete the degree requirements; and

WHEREAS, current students who plan to graduate in Spring 2020 or after will have the option of transitioning to the new Environmental Policy and Planning major under the PUA degree;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning be discontinued, effective Fall 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: That discontinuance of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning be approved effective Fall 2021 and the proposal be forwarded to the President, the Board of Visitors, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for approval, and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges for notification.