**Request to Add/Change a Minor**

**Name of Minor:** Sustainability Studies  
**Date of Request:** Feb 2008

**Department Making Request:** Office of Assoc. Provost  
**Implementation Date:** Fall 2008

**Credit Hours in Minor:** 15  
**Credit Hours in Lower-Division Courses:** 3-6

**Courses required for minor (supply course symbol, number, credit hours, and title):** *To change minor, indicate changes in italics.*

- SUST 2000, 3 credit hours, Introduction to Sustainability
- SUST 5000, 3 credit hours, Senior Seminar in Sustainability

**Elective courses approved toward the minor (supply course symbol, number, credit hours, and title):** *To change minor, indicate changes in italics.*

See narrative for grouping of these courses.

CAHS 2000, 3 credits, Global Consumer Culture
HIST 3620, 3 credits, Landscape and Culture
ANTH 3700, 3 credits, Political Ecology
ARCH 4900, 3 credits, Readings in Landscape Architecture
RELG 4970, 3 credits, Religion and the Environment
FORY 5310, 3 credits, Environmental Ethics
RSOC 5650, 3 credits, Sociology of Natural Resources and the Environment
GEOG 2020, 3 credits, Physical Geography
AGRN 5000, 3 credits, Soils & Environmental Quality
AGRN 5400, 3 credits, Bioenergy and the Environment
BIOL 3060, 3 credits, Ecology
BIOL 5090, 3 credits, Conservation Biology
BSEN 3230, 3 credits, Natural Resource Conservation Engineering
BSEN 3500, 3 credits, Natural Resource Systems Conservation
MKTG 4600, 3 credits, Green Marketing

**Minor Curriculum Model. If appropriate, include model.**

**Justification:** This proposal is based on the premise that sustainability will be a significant component of future research and development in the sciences, business, engineering, architecture, design, and construction, social sciences and humanities and that it is important for both faculty and students to be actively engaged in sustainability education. Sustainability is by nature an interdisciplinary endeavor; it cannot be taught from a single discipline. The minor brings together courses from across the university to provide students with the knowledge they need to carry sustainability into their professional life. The minor is appropriate for students from any discipline.

**Model:**
The student wishing to enroll in the Minor in Sustainability Studies will take Introduction to Sustainability, after a passing grade in that class he or she may formally enroll in the minor. After the student completes nine hours of electives approved for the minor he or she will enroll in the Senior Research Seminar. Exceptions to this schedule may be made with the approval of one or more advisors within the Sustainability Office or the Sustainability Studies Oversight Committee.

**Additional resources or resource shifting required. If none, please explain.**
Additional resources: funding to buy out classes for faculty who will teach introductory class and seminar; funds are being requested from Office of Provost

The minor will be administered through the Office of the Assoc Provost for Undergraduate Studies and a faculty oversight committee so no additional resources are needed for program administration. Students will be advised by the Sustainability Initiative staff and the Sustainability Minor oversight committee (the initial committee is composed of Christopher McNulty, CLA; Carol Roberson, HS; Dan Mackowski, COE; Kevin Fielman, COSAM).