

**Proposition: 04-15/16:** A Proposition to Change the Degree Name from “Bachelor in Conservation Ecology” to “Bachelor of Science in Conservation Ecology”

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**Proposed Committee:** Scholastic Affairs

**Assigned Committee:**

**Prior Approvals:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Approving Group</b>	<b>Result of Vote</b>
2/10/2015	FWCE Departmental Head	Approved
2/13/2015	FWCE Department Faculty	Approved
2/24/2015	BIOL Departmental Head	Approved
2/24/2015	BIOL Department Faculty	Approved
8/14/2015	ACES College Dean	Approved
3/4/2015	A&S College Dean	Approved
8/ 19/2015	Associate Dean’s Advisory Council	Approved
8/28/2015	Academic Dean’s Council, Provost Howard	Approved

**Proposal:** We propose to change the name of the Bachelor of Science degree awarded by the Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology Department as follows:

The Bachelor in Conservation Ecology should be changed to a Bachelor of Science in Conservation Ecology.

**Rationale:** The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology (recently changed from Wildlife Sciences) proposes to change the name of the degree offered by their department to better reflect the specialization represented by the degree. This issue has been discussed among the departmental faculty, agency people that hire graduates from our department, and students. The consensus supported by all is that the name of the degree should be changed to reflect better the training of the students. Moreover, we reviewed similar programs in peer institutions and found that many have made similar changes in the names of the degrees they award. For example:

1. University of California, Davis, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology, B. S. in Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology.
2. Colorado State University, Warner College of Natural Resources, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, B.S. Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology.
3. University of Idaho, College of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife Sciences, B.S. Ecology and Conservation Biology, B.S. Wildlife Sciences, B.S. Fisheries Science.
4. The University of Arizona, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, B.S. Wildlife Conservation and Management, B.S. Conservation Biology.