

September 23, 2015

Memorandum

TO: Executive Committee of the Academic Council

FROM: Sally Kornbluth, Provost *SAK*

SUBJECT: International Master's in Environmental Policy (IMEP) at DKU

I am pleased to submit the accompanying resolution from APC and proposal regarding an International Master's in Environmental Policy (IMEP) at DKU. The proposal was presented to the Academic Programs Committee on April 1, 2015 and was recommended for approval on May 1, 2015.

The IMEP program capitalizes on and is tightly linked to our strength in Environmental research at DKU. Although I know that there has been some reluctance to approve new MA programs based on the concerns raised last year, I am hesitant to put a complete hold on new MA programs as it is likely to take at least 6 months for a newly formed committee to work through the recommendations of the MA report. More importantly, though, in this case, the report doesn't really apply to programs at DKU because the concerns about drains on campus resources (CAPS, etc.) don't apply and the concerns about the increased ratio MA/PhD students on campus are also not relevant here. Therefore, I would ask that ECAC and AC consider this program on its merits in deciding whether it is an appropriate addition to the DKU landscape.

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Attachments