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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources for the following major name change will be an agenda item for the April 27, 2018, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

From: Forest Resources (M.S., Ph.D.)
To: Forestry and Natural Resources (M.S., Ph.D.)

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College: Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Major Name Change:

Current: Forest Resources (M.S., Ph.D.)

Proposed: Forestry and Natural Resources (M.S., Ph.D.)

Effective Date: Fall 2018

JUSTIFICATION:

The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources proposes to change the major name for our Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees. The *M.S. in Forest Resources* is proposed to change to *M.S. in Forestry and Natural Resources*. Similarly, the *Ph.D. in Forest Resources* is proposed to change to *Ph.D. in Forestry and Natural Resources*. This name change mirrors the name change of the School itself that occurred in 2006 and more accurately reflects the diversity of disciplines for students seeking these degrees. The proposed name change received strong support from the Warnell Graduate Affairs Committee and faculty.

Over 70% of the Warnell M.S. and Ph.D. students are in natural resources disciplines outside of forestry, such as wildlife, fisheries and aquatic science, natural resource management and sustainability, and natural resources recreation and tourism. The change requires minimal resources and will help alleviate confusion of students applying to natural resources disciplines other than forestry.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Change the name of the major in Forest Resources (M.S., Ph.D.) to Forestry and Natural Resources (M.S., Ph.D.)

College: Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2018

School/College:

- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Dean, Dr. Dale Greene, 2/27/2018

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Dean, Dr. Suzanne Barbour, 3/29/2018