

# Approval Form

Proposal Title: Change in Department name to "Biological Sciences"

Sponsor(s) Dr. Richard Meagher, Dept.: Life Sciences Department Ext. 6182  
 Chairperson

Check one:  Course  Specialization  Concentration  Minor  Achievement Certificate  
 Certification Program  Major Program  Minor Change Department name change  
(Please name deletion or credit/title/catalog change)

Undergraduate  Graduate  Credit Hours

<p><b>Step 1 (Department)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved _____ Date _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved _____</p> <p>_____ Dept. CC Chairperson</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <u>April 21, 1993</u> Date _____</p> <p><u>Richard Meagher</u> Dept. Chairperson</p>	<p><b>Step 2 (Receipt)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>03-914-03</u></p> <p>Proposal Received <u>SENATE</u> Date _____</p> <p><u>MAY 4 1993</u></p> <p><u>RECEIVED</u></p> <p><u>Mary L. Patman</u> SCC Chairperson</p>	<p><b>Step 3 (School CC)</b></p> <p>Reviewed <u>11/4/93</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <p><u>Joanne Scott</u> School Curr Comm Chairperson</p>
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**Step 4 (Academic Dean)** **Comments:**

Recommend  
 Not Recommend  
 Conditionally Recommend (see comments)

Reviewed 11/4/93 Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Dean of School

**Step 5 (SCC)**

Open Hearing 11/5/93 Date \_\_\_\_\_  Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee 11/15/93 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

**Step 6 (Senate)**

Presented to Senate 12/10/93 Date \_\_\_\_\_  Approved  Not Approved

Notification to Executive Vice-President/Provost 12/13/93 Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature, SCC Chairperson

**Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)**

Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date

If no, reasons are as follows:

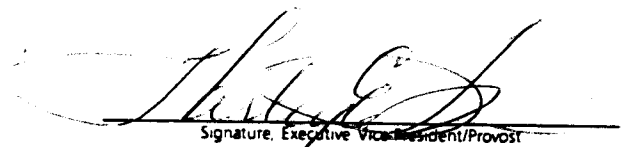
Approved  Yes  No

Student credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty load hours \_\_\_\_\_

Equalized credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Official copy and approval sheet filed 12/13 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
Signature, Executive Vice President/Provost

**Registrar**

Approved course description received 14 Feb 94  
Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned Dept Name Chg  
B7 Kefver \_\_\_\_\_ 14 Feb 94  
Signature, Registrar Date

**Notification forwarded:**

- Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Department Chairperson(s)
- Academic Dean(s)
- Registrar
- Sponsor(s)



# Rowan College of New Jersey

Glassboro, New Jersey 08028-1701

Life Sciences Department

## MINOR CURRICULAR CHANGE

Proposal Title: DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE

Date: April 20, 1993

### 1. Details:

#### a. Change Requested:

From : Department of Life Sciences

To : Department of Biological Sciences

#### b. Sponsors:

Department of Life Sciences

Andrew Prieto, Departmental Curriculum Committee Chairperson

Richard Meagher, Department Chairperson

#### c. Suggested Time and Scale of Implementation:

Mid-Spring, 1994, in time for the Fall 1994 publication of class schedules

### 2. Rationale:

#### a. Statement of "Need":

The name "Life Sciences" is an out-dated term in the field of biological sciences; it may have been "trendy" 30 years ago, but is no longer. Moreover, in the secondary schools in many states, "Life Science" is a course offered in junior high school/middle school, in contrast to "Biology", which is offered in senior high school; thus, "Life Sciences" at the college level is a demeaning term. [Dr. Scott herself has taught "Life Science" in junior high schools and "Biology" in senior high schools.]

Rowan College lists "Biological Science" as the major on our students' transcripts. We considered the name "Biology", which would be more consistent with the new name of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, but we feel that the term "Biological Sciences" more accurately describes the programs offered by our Department, which include Environmental Studies.

#### b. Statement of Curricular Effect:

None. The name change is anticipated to have no impact on program, department, or curricular design.

3. Results of Consultation:

This name changed was discussed and approved by the department as a whole.

A survey of New Jersey colleges reveals that Rowan College is apparently the only college that still uses the name "Life Sciences". The names "Biology" and "Biological Sciences" are the only names currently used by other NJ colleges and universities. [Most NJ community colleges have a combined Division of Science & Math Technology, rather than individual departments in the fields of natural science, physical science, and mathematics.]