

Approval Form

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

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

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

Undergraduate Graduate Credit Hours

<p>Step 1 (Department)</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>Step 2 (Receipt)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>03-414-03</u></p> <p>Proposal Received <u>SENILE</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>Step 3 (School CC)</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 11/15/93 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 _____

Signature SCC Chairperson

Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)

Received _____

Date

If no, reasons are as follows:

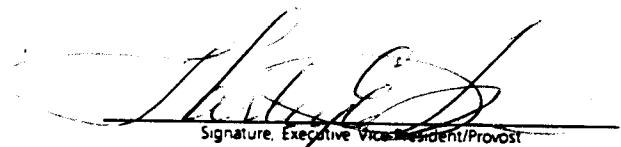
Approved Yes No

Student credit hours _____

Faculty load hours _____

Equalized credit hours _____

Official copy and approval sheet filed 15/10 _____
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 Kefauver _____ 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.]