Proposed M.S. in Sustainable Systems

M.S. in Sustainable Systems (Graduate Council)

Academic Senate Meeting, November 5th, 2009

RIT Graduate Council: Agamemnon Crassidis, Chair

- **Presentation Outline**
  - Graduate Council Vote Outcome
  - History of Proposal through Graduate Council
  - Graduate Council Suggestions
  - New Proposed Program
  - Graduate Council Recommendation

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- **Graduate Council Vote Outcome**
  - **13 in favor of the proposal**
  - **1 against**
  - **0 abstention**
  - **High number of votes favoring proposal**

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- **History of Proposal through Grad Council**
  - **A previous proposal was reviewed last year by the Council under the title <u>M.S. in Sustainability</u>**
  - **Proposal received a positive vote**
  - **However vote outcome was not overwhelming in favor of the previous proposal**
  - **3 main issues were raised last year:**
    - **Title of Program**
    - **CoLA resource impact concerns**
    - **Absence of non-thesis option**

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- **History of Proposal through Grad Council**
  - **Professor Paul Stiebitz and Dr. Nabil Nasr and GIS faculty readily responded to issues**
  - **GIS faculty worked diligently to address previous issues and concerns**
  - **GIS faculty showed strong desire in bringing program forward**
  - **Modified proposal was presented to Graduate Council on Thursday, Oct 22nd, 2009**
  - **Council members felt modified proposal more than satisfactorily addressed the major issues**

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- **Grad Council Suggestions for The New Proposed Program**
  - **Dr. Christine Licata suggested to meet with Anne Wahl for input on Program Outcomes and Assessment Plan**
  - **Paul Stiebitz and Agamemnon Crassidis met with Anne Wahl on Oct 27th, 2009**
  - **Paul Stiebitz will cooperate inputs and suggestions into the proposal**
  - **Better definition of a "system"**
  - **Loss of Dr. Ryan Raffaelle impact on new proposed program**

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- **The New Proposed Program**
  - **Fits in well with other "sustainable" type programs here at RIT with distinct differentiation**
  - **Enhances RIT's reputation for Sustainability**
  - **Provides additional marketing support further promoting Sustainability at RIT as a whole**
  - **Program has outstanding leadership and program champions to ensure success**
  - **Financial and student enrollment projections are attainable**
  - **Graduate Council will monitor progress of program after 2-3 years**

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- **Recommendation of Graduate Council**
  - **Graduate Council is in strong favor of moving program forward**
  - **Strongly recommends program receive Academic Senate approval**
    - **High number of positive votes**
    - **Strong leadership of the proposed program**
    - **Fits in well with other related programs**