

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

Documents Reviewed:

1. Request for a New Credit Certificate Program: *Graduate Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law*
2. Letter to Dean Sukhatme from Dean Roberts, dated 4-27-11

Summary of Proposal:

This is a proposal for a new 15 credit *Graduate Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law*. The Certificate builds on existing strengths of the School of Law and requires no new faculty or budgetary resources. The proposal is well-written and cogently argued.

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?

Yes, a strong rationale for the certificate is provided. The overall objective of the Certificate is clearly stated on p. 3 of the proposal.

2. Is the program academically sound?

Yes, the curriculum is clearly spelled out in terms of course requirements and number of credit hours required. In addition, student learning objectives, learning outcomes, and assessment strategies are outlined. Each student will be assigned a Certificate Advisor.

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

Yes, existing faculty resources will be used.

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

The proposal mentions possible interest in the program from students pursuing joint degrees (MPA, MHA) through SPEA and possible connections with the Richard G. Lugar Center for Renewable Energy.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...

I recommend approval of this proposal. My only comment is that I did not see an external review such as a letter of support from a community partner.