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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Odum School of Ecology for a new prefix, SUST, Sustainability, will be an agenda item for the March 26, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



**UNIVERSITY OF  
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Odum School of Ecology

**DATE:** February 18, 2021

**SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIT:** Odum School of Ecology

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Odum School of Ecology

**NEW PREFIX REQUESTED:** SUST, Sustainability

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Fall 2021

When the Certificate in Sustainability was approved in 2016, it was housed in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, with support from eight other schools and colleges. At that time, two new courses were developed for the certificate under the Franklin Interdisciplinary prefix (FCID): FCID 4200/6200, Interdisciplinary Sustainability Seminar, and FCID 4500/6500, Interdisciplinary Sustainability Capstone. Currently, two sections of the Sustainability Seminar and one section of the Sustainability Capstone are offered each fall and spring semester.

In fall 2020, the administrative home of the Certificate in Sustainability moved to the Odum School of Ecology. Therefore, the School of Ecology would like to establish a more permanent prefix for the two FCID courses that better reflects the spirit of the certificate and the interdisciplinary nature of the program. The Certificate in Sustainability currently has over 300 students from 76 different majors on campus. This proposal is supported by the Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board, made up of representatives appointed by the deans of each of the participating units, and the course change has been approved by the dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.

The School of Ecology proposes a new prefix, SUST, Sustainability, for the Sustainability Certificate program. Once the new prefix is established, a course change will be submitted to change the prefix from FCID 4200/6200 and FCID 4500/6500 to SUST 4200/6200 and SUST 4500/6500.

John Gittleman  
Dean, Odum School of Ecology

Tyra Byers  
Director, Sustainability Certificate



**UNIVERSITY OF  
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Office of Sustainability

February 8, 2021

Dear University Curriculum Committee,

We, the Advisory Board of the Interdisciplinary Sustainability Certificate, support the request for a new course prefix (SUST) to be used for the certificate program's seminar and capstone courses. We support the prefix be proposed from the Odum School of Ecology, the current academic home of the Sustainability Certificate.

Sincerely,

Jesse Abrams, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Malcolm Adams, Mathematics, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Tyra Byers, Office of Sustainability

Gary Hawkins, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Elizabeth King, Odum School of Ecology, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources

Kevin Kirsche, Office of Sustainability

William Kisaalita, School of Chemical, Materials and Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering

Jane McPherson, School of Social Work

*Katalin Medvedev*

Katalin Medvedev, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors, College of Family and Consumer Sciences

*Nathan Nibbelink*

Nathan Nibbelink, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

*Alfred Vick*

Alfred Vick, College of Environment and Design

*Richard Watson*

Richard Watson, Management Information Systems, Terry College of Business



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December 17, 2020

Dean John Gittleman  
Odum School of Ecology  
107 Ecology Building  
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Dear Dr. Gittleman:

We are now seeking your approval in order to (1) submit a proposal for the SUST prefix, and (2) transfer the Sustainability Certificate courses from FCID to SUST. This approval in the form of a letter or memo will be attached to the request to the University Curriculum Committee for the SUST prefix. Please let us know if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Alan T. Dorsey  
Dean, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams  
Associate Dean, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Prefix SUST, Sustainability

**College:** Odum School of Ecology

**Department:** Odum School of Ecology

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2021

### School/College:

- Odum School of Ecology Dean Dr. John Gittleman, 12/18/20
- Sustainability Certificate Director, Dr. Tyra Byers, 12/18/20

### Additional Support Letters:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Alan Dorsey, 12/17/20
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 12/17/20
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Jesse Abrams, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Malcom Adams, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Gary Hawkins, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Elizabeth King, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Mr. Kevin Kirsche, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. William Kisaalita, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Jane McPherson, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Katalin Medvedev, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Nathan Nibbelink, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Mr. Alfred Vick, 2/8/21
- Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board Member, Dr. Richard Watson, 2/8/21

### Proposal Notification:

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean, Dr. Nick Place, 2/23/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Josef Broder, 2/23/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Assistant Dean, Dr. Douglas Bailey, 2/23/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Alan Dorsey, 2/23/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Dean, Dr. Benjamin Ayers, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Henry Munneke, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Mike Pfarrer, 2/23/21
- Odum School of Ecology Dean, Dr. John Gittleman, 2/23/21
- Odum School of Ecology Associate Dean, Dr. John Drake, 2/23/21

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/23/21
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 2/23/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Engineering Dean, Dr. Donald Leo, 2/23/21
- College of Engineering Associate Dean, Dr. Ramaraja Ramasamy, 2/23/21
- College of Environment and Design Dean, Dr. Sonia Hirt, 2/23/21
- College of Environment and Design Associate Dean, Ms. Ashley Steffens, 2/23/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean, Dr. Linda Kirk Fox, 2/23/21
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Sheri Worthy, 2/23/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Dean, Dr. Dale Greene, 2/23/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Associate Dean, Dr. Robert Bringolf, 2/23/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean, Dr. Charles Davis, 2/24/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Associate Dean, Dr. Maria Len-Rios, 2/24/21
- School of Law Dean, Mr. Peter “Bo” Rutledge, 2/23/21
- School of Law Associate Dean, Mr. Randy Beck, 2/23/21
- College of Pharmacy Dean, Dr. Kelly Smith, 22/23/21
  - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Pharmacy Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Duc Do, 2/23/21
- College of Public Health Dean, Dr. Marsha Davis, 2/23/21
- College of Public Health Associate Dean, Dr. Erin Lipp, 2/23/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Dean, Dr. Matthew Auer, 2/23/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Associate Dean, Dr. John Maltese, 2/23/21
- School of Social Work Dean, Dr. Anna Scheyett, 2/23/21
- School of Social Work Associate Dean, Dr. Shari Miller, 2/23/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Dean, Dr. Lisa Nolan, 2/23/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean, Dr. Andrew Parks, 2/23/21