

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

***Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME for the Addition of the Specialization in Wildlife Habitat Management and Conservation in the Forestry Major, College of Agricultural Sciences***

**WHEREAS** habitat loss is one of the greatest challenges to natural resource conservation and is a growing field; and

**WHEREAS** there has been an increase in wildlife habitat-related interest, education, and training within the undergraduate population in the Department of Forestry; and

**WHEREAS** this specialization would be the only one in Illinois that specifically prepares students for careers in the conservation, restoration, and management of wildlife habitat; and

**WHEREAS** this specialization complements the proposed Wildlife Biology specialization recently approved for the Zoology program; and

**WHEREAS** this creation of this specialization has been endorsed by the Department of Zoology; and

**WHEREAS** no budgetary effects are anticipated as the Department of Forestry has the staff and curriculum to support this specialization;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate recommends the RME for the Addition of the Specialization named Wildlife Habitat Management and Conservation in the Forestry Major.

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