To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to the College Board Advanced Placement Examination Credit Environment Science

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Justification:

With consultation with our undergraduate advisor, we revisited the AP Environmental Science credit criteria. We updated the credit criteria to accept AP Environmental Science score of 4,5 in place of ENSC 001 (and only ENSC 001) (Faculty vote results, 10/26/2020: 9 in favor of a score of 4 or higher; 8 in favor of a score of 3 or higher).

Approvals:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Environmental Science: October 26, 2020
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences: February 9, 2021, May 4, 2021
Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: April 2, 2021
Approved by the Committee on Preparatory Education: May 7, 2021
Proponent Response to Committee on Preparatory Education

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Subject: Re: URGENT REPLY NEEDED - Re Prep Ed Inquiry re ENSC AP Proposal

Hi Michelle and Cherysa,

We revisited the AP credits because having the choice between ENSC 1 or 2 has been confusing for students and advisors. In practice currently students can take credit for only ENSC 1 or 2 even if their AP score is 4 or higher. Since ENSC 001 is offered in the Fall and students have a harder time to register for it, the decision was to give credit to ENSC 1, with an AP grade of 4 or higher. Slight majority of faculty believe earning a score of 3 in AP Environmental Science is actually pretty easy these days; a higher grade assures a better handle on the topics covered in our introductory courses.

Please let me know if you need any other information.

Thanks,

Roya
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATORY EDUCATION

March 30, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
   Riverside Division

From: Jingsong Zhang, Chair
       Committee on Preparatory Education

Re: Campus Review: Changes to College Board AP Exam Credit - Env Sci

The Committee on Preparatory Education reviewed the Changes to College Board AP Exam Credit - Env Sci and request a more detailed departmental justification for the change. Please provide a substantive explanation for why the change is needed, especially because the department vote was 9 for and 8 against. The committee would like to know the rationale for altering the AP score from a 3 to 4.5 for credit. Has ENSC run a study that revealed a need for such a change? Has ENSC faculty raised concerns about student preparation among the student population that received a 3 on the College Board AP Exam for Environmental Science? More information would be helpful in making an informed and reliable recommendation.
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

April 5, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy

RE: Proposed Changes to the College Board AP Exam Credit for Environmental Sciences

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed and voted to support the proposed changes to the College Board AP Exam Credit for Environmental Sciences at their April 2, 2021 meeting.