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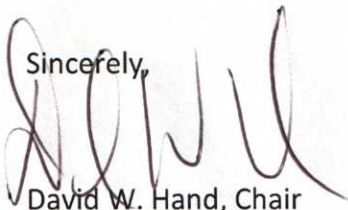
Dr. Dan Fuhrmann, Professor and Chair
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

RE: Proposed ECE Concentration in Environmental Applications

Dr. Fuhrmann,

The CEE curriculum committee has reviewed and approved your proposed ECE curriculum concentration in environmental applications. I would highly recommend that this proposal move forward for approval. All of the different engineering disciplines should develop an awareness of the impact our actions have on the environment. For a long time, electrical engineers, environmental engineers and scientists have been developing sensing devices to track and monitor the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the built and natural environment to help balance the needs of mankind while minimizing the impact on the world in which we live. This program will only strengthen the importance of balancing these needs. In addition, this will foster a closer collaborative relationship between electrical and environmental engineering students that can only improve their overall educational experience. If you need any further help in moving this forward please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David W. Hand, Chair

Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering