

University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 12-94

New Option in Plant Sciences for the BS Degree in Biological Sciences

The changes required to initiate the proposed option are described in the attached pages from the Department of Biological Sciences. **Please contact the Senate Office for a copy of the attached pages.**

The following statement was supplied by the Department of Biological Sciences:

"Proposal of the new Plant Sciences Option in Biological Sciences is motivated, in part, by the increasing importance of plant sciences in the Department as indicated by increased faculty participation in plant science endeavours.

"The Plant Sciences Option will serve as a vehicle to aid in recruiting top undergraduates to our programs and to stimulate undergraduate interest in plant oriented careers. This option will interface nicely with the developing environmental programs at MTU as plant science is intimately associated with (and some would argue, the most important aspect of) environmentally sound sustainable development programs.

"The Plant Sciences Option was developed from courses offered by existing faculty in Biological Sciences and Forestry and will not require monetary investment by MTU."

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Approved by President: May 2, 1994