

Motion: To change the name of the Department of Geological Sciences to the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

Passed: April 26, 2007

Rationale:

The Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Rutgers: A Name Change

The Department of Geological Sciences, Rutgers, New Brunswick requests a change in the name of the department to Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS). This name change is needed as Rutgers begins to: 1) plan for a major new building in Earth, Oceans, and Planetary Sciences (EOPS) to be built on the Cook Campus connected to the present Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences (IMCS); and 2) integrate its resources in Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric sciences, the basic components of Earth Systems Science. The name change reflects the broadening of interests in the department, its increasing interdisciplinary, interdepartmental, and interdecadal ties, and a desire to emulate Geology/Geological Sciences programs at other flagship universities that have broadened their names and missions.