

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC Resolution No. 2016-52

**SUBJECT: Approval of a Bachelor of Arts Degree Program in Urban Sustainability**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to D.C. Official Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish or approve policies and procedures governing admissions, curricula, programs, graduation, the awarding of degrees, and general policy for components of the University; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to 8B DCMR § 308.1, new associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree programs may be added to the University curricula upon recommendation by the Faculty Senate and the President and after approval by the Board; and

**WHEREAS,** the University's Vision 2020 Strategy plan expresses the commitment of the University to offer students flexible degree options that prepare them for careers in the new green economy, which careers require skills in environmental impact assessment, sustainable development, urban sustainability, and environmental project management across a broad range of fields, including the health and wellness field, the building trades, the hospitality sector, finance and law; and

**WHEREAS,** the University has offered several professional development workshops that have illustrated the effectiveness of flexible "meta-majors" (collections of academic majors that have related courses) in increasing student success and graduation rates, particularly for transfer students who bring academic credit(s) with them to the University; and

**WHEREAS,** the University of the District of Columbia and its College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) are active partners in the Sustainable DC Initiative of the District of Columbia, which seeks to position Washington, DC to become the greenest, healthiest and most sustainable city in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Urban Sustainability degree program has received the approval of all levels of faculty and administration at the program level, the college level and university-wide;


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the University of the District of Columbia is hereby authorized to implement the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Sustainability Degree Program in accordance with the attached proposal, *provided that* any funds required to implement the program shall not be obligated until they have been identified and reprogrammed within existing University resources.

Submitted by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

October 24, 2016

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

December 2, 2016

  
Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson of the Board