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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Executive Committee of the Academic Council

From: Peter Lange

Re: University Ph.D. degree in Environmental Policy

I am pleased to submit the attached proposal from the Nicholas School of the Environment and the Sanford School of Public Policy to establish a doctoral degree in Environmental Policy. The proposal was presented to the Academic Programs Committee on September 9, 2009 and was strongly recommended for approval. To a considerable extent, this degree represents a creative rethinking and restructuring of already existing Ph. D. programs. It will, I anticipate, attract new outstanding students to Duke without losing those more interested in the older degrees as restructured. I submit this proposal and the changes suggested by the Academic Programs Committee to ECAC for discussion and consideration with my fullest support.

Attachment

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