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Siobahn Morgan, Head and Professor  
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Dear Professor Morgan,

Thank you for your note requesting our input on your proposed departmental name change. I have shared your request with our Chair of the Department of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences and with the program director of our interdisciplinary Environmental Sciences program; I have also conferred with the Deans of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. None of these parties voiced concerns with your proposal. All recognize that the change from "Department of Earth Sciences" to "Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences" better reflects the strengths of the faculty and programs that are housed in the Department.

We support your request for this name change as it moves forward to the Regents.

Thank you for sharing this request with Iowa State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. It is always good to keep open the lines of communication across the Regents Institutions. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Siobahn Morgan  
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Dear Professor Morgan:

As the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS), I am writing to you to express my support for the name change of the Department of Earth Science to the “Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.”

Although CLAS currently has a Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences, after careful discussion with Departmental Executive Officer, Charles T. Foster, I am convinced that the program at the University of Northern Iowa is substantially different from the University of Iowa degree program. The requirements for the degrees offered by the two departments show that they are quite dissimilar, and I have no concerns about duplication.

I fully support, therefore, the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the current Department of Earth Science to the “Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.”

Sincerely,

Chaden Djalali, Dean  
UI Alumni Association Dean’s Chair  
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