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**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends the approval of the intent to plan a Bachelor of Science in Specialty Agriculture at Marshall University.


RATIONALE:

The Intent to Plan document proposing a Bachelor of Science in Specialty Agriculture to be offered by the College of Science at Marshall University was approved by the Academic Planning Committee (APC). APC members believe that the proposed program has the potential to increase academic/employment opportunities for Marshall University students.

The creation of the new undergraduate program is the result of assigning a specific CIP code to an existing major and offering it as a Bachelor of Science degree in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. The new degree maximizes the use of existing resources at Marshall University. No start-up funds will be required as the major is already offered. Ultimately 1 full-time faculty and 1 adjunct will be required.

The Hanover market research report shows labor demand is expected to grow for specialty agriculture. The targeted students are within a 100-mile radius of Marshall University. The program specializes in teaching low-area high-yield agricultural practices, agribusiness, and resource management. It emphasizes new and emerging technologies for specialty agriculture that will improve agribusiness outcomes for smaller farms characteristic of the region. The APC feels that the program will add to Marshall University's enrollment and provide potential students with a high-quality, education that will enhance their success in a variety of career paths.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

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FACULTY SENATE:  DATE: 10/20/2022

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FACULTY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

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COMMENTS: _____

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