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The Evergreen State College

March 15, 1984

Mr. Carl Trendler
Executive Coordinator
Council for Postsecondary Education
908 East 5th Street
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Dear Carl:

The Evergreen State College has decided to begin the Master of Environmental Studies program approved by the Council for Postsecondary Education in September of 1981. We plan to initiate the program next fall (Fall of 1984) with an entering class of approximately 25 FTE students and grow to a stable enrollment of between 45 and 50 FTE during the 1985-86 academic year. This has been a difficult decision because the funds originally appropriated to initiate the program were returned to the state as part of the 1981-83 biennium budget reductions so we must now proceed by allocating existing funds to this important endeavor.

The MES program will require 2.5 faculty the first year and about 5 faculty the second year and thereafter. These faculty will be reassigned to teach in the graduate program from the undergraduate curriculum. Evergreen will begin the MES program with no new faculty hires. We have managed this by rearranging the total curriculum in a way that protects the undergraduate offerings while allowing the graduate program to begin. For undergraduates, we will offer a typical array of programs and courses including Introduction to Environmental Studies, Evergreen Environment, Ecological Agriculture, Entomology, Marine Entrepreneurship, Energy Studies, Advanced Environmental Studies, and Piloting and Seamanship. This array of offerings provides opportunities for approximately 200 FTE in the Winter Quarter, which is the level of enrollment we usually expect in the area. The MES graduate program includes all programs and courses that were proposed in our presentation to the CPE and retains a distinctly interdisciplinary nature by including faculty of the social sciences.

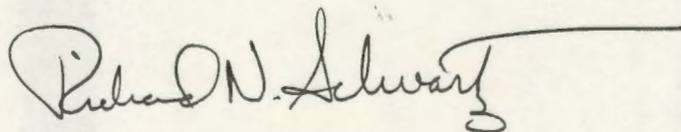
It is estimated that the library will spend approximately \$25,000 this year for library resources necessary to add to an already strong collection in environmental science and studies. In future years, library resources for the program will be added as funding permits and within then existing library resource allocations.

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This graduate program complements the strengths of our faculty and will strengthen both the graduate and undergraduate curriculum the college offers. The regular faculty who teach in the MES get the opportunity to teach advanced students, refresh their research skills and gain valuable experience that will be applied to their teaching when they rotate back to the undergraduate curriculum. The library resources purchased will be available to both graduate and undergraduate students which will add depth of available knowledge to the undergraduate programs. In addition, we are sure that this high quality offering will attract increased attention to TESC and help increase the enrollment and further diversify our services.

We appreciate the Council's support of this new program and pledge every effort to make this graduate program as outstanding as our Master of Public Administration program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard N. Schwartz". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard N. Schwartz
Acting President

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